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TROOPS TUNING UP FOR NEW OPERATIONS

Li Chung-Yen Confident Of Holding Hsueh-chow

YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE REPAIRED

Tientsin, To-day.
It is reliably learned that temporary repairs have been effected to the Yellow River bridge on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, destroyed by Han Fu-chu's retiring troops. The first through train to Tsingtao is leaving to-morrow. It is expected that the repair of the bridge will facilitate the despatch of reinforcements to the Hsueh-chow front.—Our Own Correspondent.

BOCCA TIGRIS IN HEAVY ACTION THIS MORNING

Canton, To-day.
Bocca Tigris Forts, one of the most strategic points on the Pearl River, on which the safety of Canton depends, were heavily shelled by three Japanese warships at 7 o'clock this morning.

The forts responded, and the sound of their gunfire could be heard on Shamian.

Bombardment of Bocca Tigris is now occurring almost every other day, but it is very difficult to render serious damage to the forts either by shellfire or bombing, as the gun emplacements, which are situated on the side of a large hill, appear to be well camouflaged and were practically invisible to passengers who a few days ago passed by on a river steamer.

DESTROYS HOPES

To-day's engagement is expected to hold up river traffic for a further period. It was rumoured earlier to-day that ships might be permitted to pass the barrier which has not been allowed since daylight on Feb. 4.

The engagement lasted over half an hour, after which the Japanese vessels returned down river. At the same time, two Japanese planes circled over Whampoa but did not drop any bombs.—Reuter.

Guerillas Badly Maul Japanese Column

Shanghai, To-day.
A new large scale offensive is foreshadowed by the Japanese spokesman.

The time that has passed since the capture of Nanking and capture of Hangchow, he said, has been used for recuperation of the Japanese troops, who would now "be able to attack new tasks with fresh energy."

No indications were given of the aims of the new offensive.

The Japanese have, however, brought up large reinforcements in South Hopei along the Peiping-Hankow Railway, which will doubtless join in the attack to the south on Chengchow, junction of the Lunghai and Peiping-Hankow Railways.

KAIFENG DRIVE

The troops are mainly concentrated near Changteh, and east of this town in the region of Taming.

These detachments will probably attack east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, south of the Yellow River in the direction of Kaifeng, in order to capture the capital of Honan.

T.P.R. QUIET

Almost complete quiet prevailed on the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway yesterday.

Appearances suggest that both the Chinese and Japanese are making preparations for large scale operations.

Chinese guerillas are taking advantage of the temporary lull in hostilities to conduct attacks on the rear of the Japanese forces.

In one action of this type at Fengyuan, south-east of Pengpu, a Japanese column of 300 was surprised and badly mauled.

LI CHUNG-YEN'S CONFIDENCE

General Li Chung-yen, Chinese commander-in-chief on the Hsueh-chow front, told a party of journalists who are inspecting the front, that in spite of the loss of Pengpu,

he believed he would be able to hold the railway junction of Hsueh-chow, possession of which assured control of the T.P.R. and the Lunghai Railway.

JAPAN'S FIRST BIG THRUST THROWN BACK

Hankow, To-day.
It is reliably learned that the first serious thrust of the Japanese on the Peiping-Hankow Railway towards Chengchow has met with a sharp setback.

Five divisions of Honan troops had been moved into the area from the south, while a squadron of heavy Soviet bombers co-operating with the Army inflicted serious casualties on the Japanese vanguards.

The attack is reported to have been thrown back with severe loss.

General Pei Chung-hsi, with five divisions, is defending the south bank of the Szeshui River, south of Tsining, while large reinforcements have brought the attack from Hwaiyuan to a halt.

CHINESE AIR MASTERY

In the meantime, Chinese planes inflicted serious damage on the Japanese positions at Pengpu yesterday. It is claimed that the "foreign legion" has established Chinese mastery in the air in the Hsueh-chow region.—Our Own Correspondent.

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A PARIS LETTER

SMART AND NEW

Schiaparelli features this spring costume consisting of a one-piece black dress and a very short flaring bolero of smooth green cloth trimmed with black braid.

LINGERIE GOES GLAMOUROUS

The latest lingerie is made without lace; it has finely bound edges with touches of embroidery or bindings of contrasting materials.

Yrande's latest features are nightgowns in evening dress colours, such as cyclamen, red-plum, emerald-green and the like; her materials are heavy georgette or triple chiffon. She shows many tailored touches, as turnover collars, shirtmaker yokes and often Empire waistlines. Several of these nightgowns are entirely pleated; fine knife or accordian pleats being used; they are worn under long housecoats.

Bialo is featuring nightgowns with matched full-length or knee-length coats. Her materials are flowered chiffon or georgette, or heavy plain georgette or crepe de chine. The majority are pale pink, but this designer always urges that pure white be worn with white satin corsets. According to her, there is nothing more elegant.

The newest models are of crepe de chine having embroidered dots, white on white, pink on pink and black on black. A lovely typical model of pale pink crepe has satin-bound edges and a large Chinese satin monogram; a matching knee-length jacket accompanies it.

DATE BARS TO SERVE WITH A DESSERT

Sift 1 cup flour, measure and sift twice with 1 teaspoon baking powder and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt. Lightly mix in 7/8 ounce package pitted dates (40) chopped and 1 cup broken walnuts. Beat 3 eggs until light, add 3 tablespoons water and 1 cup sugar and continue beating until well blended. Add the dry ingredients and mix well. Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick in a greased pan 7 x 11 x 1 1/2 inches. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400 deg. F.) about 20 minutes. When cooked remove side crusts and cut in bars 1 inch wide. Makes three dozen.

WHEN LAUNDERING TABLE MATS

Linen table mats edged with lace or crochet require special care in ironing. The mats should be pinned in the correct shape to the ironing sheet when wet, placing the pins close together where the lace joins the linen.

Iron with the point of the iron and keep the mat pinned out till the lace is quite dry.

Embroidered organdie mats should be ironed on the wrong side over a thick underfelt.

and 4 inches long. Roll in confec- tions' sugar just before serving.

Contrasting Fabrics Favoured

Early Spring models may be detected in the Paris mid-season collections. This comes out most accurately in the short coat suits. Perhaps the most unique is Schiaparelli's bust-length coat which flares out like a cape illustrated here. This designer prefers braiding on collar and wrists to fur.

Maggy Rouff's new little coats (which have been called Watteau, but which lack the swing or flowing backs of that period) are one more evidence of Spring in their contribution to the lighter weight type of afternoon ensembles. Some of the most charming of these flat-backed short-waisted models have a pressed-in wide box pleat beginning high up and falling free merely to cover the belt line. Another more formal tailcoat (that of the Rouff sketch presented here) must always be developed in cloth to insure the bird-tail effect.

New Evening Mode

Molyneux makes the very fitted early warm weather jackets for his pleated circular skirts with their collars stitched. Patou comes out with youthful suits of the established "Jean Patou fitting." With several of the other best houses, Patou favours the single-breasted model. His hip line is flat and fitted and longer. His pockets follow a gay acceptance of the loose or swinging chatelaine affair.

There is a new mode for evening—the light-coloured wool coat in greenish-washed-turquoise colour. This and other pale peachy and sand shades are shown over stately black satins which are so decollete that the wool feeling is welcome. The present wool evening models are about five-eighths length.

Contrasting Fabrics

There is a great deal to be said in favour of this idea which admits of richness of colour near the face, or again of the plain surface near the face when patterned fabrics are used. One designer uses luxuriously flowered crepes in dresses with inserted fronts of plain fabrics which often repeat one of the colours in the print.

Most unique are Mainbocher's gowns with long fitted tunic tops and simple, slightly pleated skirts attached low at a dropped hip line. There is a specially studied corseted line of great perfection in these tunic tops which distinguishes them among the Spring models.

Speaking of tunics, those for a duck or bunny applique.



WATTEAU
Maggy Rouff favours the Watteau type of suit. Here is a Spring model with black dress trimmed with stitched black velvet, and tailcoat jacket of shepherd's check in black and white with a velvet collar.

evening are of white slipper satin fitted tightly over the hips, and with a curved cutaway or cut-out front. They are long and tight sleeved, high at the neck, clipped shut in front, and worn over decollete gowns of dark-coloured satin.

BIBS FROM BATH TOWELS

Young mothers may be interested in the following idea for economical and easily washed bibs for youngsters. When bath towels begin to wear thin in the centre, as they usually do after a time, use the ends to cut bibs for the little tots. These are very attractive when bound with coloured bias tape, and easily adjusted with ties attached of the same.

One mother finds such bibs a great saving of the children's clothes, and says they are especially fine, because of the ease with which they are kept fresh and clean. Not needing to be ironed, they are much easier to launder than a whole suit or dress.

They may be varied and made more attractive by the addition of

In Defence Of Chivalry

The knighthood that was in flower has sadly gone to seed.

Women had a pedestal beneath them for a few hundred years. Today they are lucky if someone doesn't kick their feet out from under them.

From far and near comes the plaint of suffering maidens that the single standard is being imposed by man who has forgotten the instinct that once sent knights in shining mail to battle dragons in defence of maidens.

Heres with, Loretta Young, Twentieth-Century Fox star interrupts with 10 points in defence of chivalry.

1—Don't be afraid to be chivalrous. I like to be helped up curbstones and out of cars and to have my escort remove his hat if we step into an elevator. What girl doesn't?

2—Don't keep the car top down on the way to a dinner party. I don't resent the fresh-air fiend, but I do think it is very inconsiderate for any young man to deliver his partner to the party looking like *Gone With the Wind*. When a girl spends an hour getting fixed up to go out with a man, he should realize that this a compliment to him, for he wants to be seen with a girl who makes a good impression, doesn't he?

3—Don't be afraid to let your conversation stand on its own feet. I don't mind the man who talks about his personal interests nearly as much as the man who makes some remarks and then turns to someone else for corroboration, or who adds "that was pretty silly, wasn't it?" Perhaps it was, but why call attention to it? The girl can only smile sweetly and murmur: "Not at all."

4—Don't fail to be punctual. During the filming of "Wife, Doctor and Nurse," Warner Baxter complimented me on the fact that not once did I arrive late on the set. While I appreciated the compliment, I certainly didn't expect it, for I always try to be on time. My advice to the man who's going to be even a quarter of an hour late is to call up and say so. It may save the day. More important, it may save the date.

5—Don't try to show off. The man who yells at other drivers in traffic doesn't impress the average girl with his bravery but with his boorishness. When you brag about having taken a cold shower every morning, don't forget that she may do the same thing herself.

6—Don't hold a grudge. If something angers you to the point where you lose your temper, forget it afterward and don't bring the matter up again. And don't nag or go around muttering in your beard.

7—Every sensible woman resents a man who talks in the theatre. Talk about women talking! Frequently I have had to change my seat in a motion picture theatre because some man nearby kept me from hearing, with his incessant gabbling.

8—If you're thoughtful enough to offer your partner a cigarette, don't make her ask you for a match. It's silly little irritations like this that count a great deal.

9—Don't try and be a professional humourist. I can recall my disgust at a man who thought it terribly clever to eat roses from the



There's Something About A Pom-Pon!

Naval Notions In New Hats

Pom-poms, especially if they are soft and fluffy-looking, are all the rage just now. You see them on the tops of sailor caps, at the corners of turned-up hoods, or next to the hair on those large flat berets that are being worn so much this season. Some pom-poms are made of fur, others are silks, but the smartest of all are tufts of dyed ostrich feather. In the photograph you see one of the latest model Paris hats, with its cute little ostrich pom-pom at the side. They are easy to make, and it's a good idea to have the pom-poms match either your scarf or jumper in colour.

A TEMPORARY CLEANER

It may happen that on removing a pastel-shaded dance or dinner frock it will be found to be slightly soiled at the base of the neck, hem, or to have been splashed accidentally with wine or coffee.

An efficient method of dry-cleaning, if this particular dress is wanted for wear too soon to be sent to the "cleaner proper" for return in time, is to sprinkle a little powdered French chalk, or even good talc powder, generously on the soiled portions.

Leave wrapped in a clean bath-towel overnight and until just before needed. Then shake frock gently and press with warm iron. Stains should now have disappeared.

centrepiece at a dinner party, not only annoying everyone else, but also ruining the hostess's lovely table decorations.

10—Don't underestimate the importance of being a good dance partner. It isn't necessary to know all the new trick steps, but every girls look forward to going out with a young man who is a smooth, easy dancer.

Please don't get the impression that I consider men a pretty sorry institution. After all, most of them really are courteous, aren't they?

WORTH NOTING

"If you put a lump of sugar in the cheese dish with cut cheese you will find your cheese will never go dry."

"When baby first begins to walk, rub the soles of her new shoes with a piece of raw potato. This will remove the shine and so prevent tumbles."

"If you've got worm in your furniture, dip a small brush in paraffin and brush well into the holes."

To clean white tennis shoes, mix the cleaner with methylated spirit, and put on with an old shaving brush. It is more easily done and dries at once, and will not rub off."

"Here's a 'corking' idea which saves a lot of time. Before inserting a cork in a bottle, take a small length of tape, stretch it across the mouth of the bottle, and then push the cork securely in. Leave the ends of the tape hanging, and when you wish to uncork the bottle all you need to do is to pull the ends of the tape. If you remember to do this you will never be bothered with broken corks."

Ow To Old Yore Man

By MRS. ELIZA MIFFIN

Aving got your man the next job is to old im.

If yore man is fond of the ladies like the late Mr. Miffin this will take a bit of doing as this type is always on the look out for a lark and there is plenty of snakes in the grass waitin to pounce if you dont keep yore eyes open.

First of all i advise my lady readers to git old of his pay envelope as a man cant do much without money though i must say that the late Mr. Miffin did better than i expected with a shilling a day beer money and a bicycle.

The next thing apart from good omely cookin which goes without sayin is never let yourself go to seed.

Always ave a fresh ribbon in yore bonnet, and never let im see you in curlin papers.

Also you should keep im guessin. You dont always ave to tell im who bought you a nourishin stout or wot you've got in that brown paper parcel.

And wot about doing that bun in yore neck one day and on top of yore ead the next to give im a surprise?

But if the worst appens i do beg my lady readers not to take no notice of them modern writers wot advise you to ask the snake in the grass come to tea and tell er no wonder yore usband likes er as shes so pretty.

I stopped many of the late Mr. Miffin's larks by givin his lady friends a piece of my mind and if that dont work i always say wots wrong with an umbrella?

You need to do is to pull the ends of the tape. If you remember to do this you will never be bothered with broken corks."

Transfer marks left after a piece of embroidery is completed, can be taken out before the article is squeezed through in warm soapy water by rubbing gently with a piece of cotton wool moistened with methylated spirit.

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Nurse Now Prescribes Kruschen Salts

A nurse-like a doctor is always adding to her knowledge. Here is a nurse who now prescribes Kruschen Salts for neuritis. She prescribes it confidently, because it was the only remedy which brought her relief when she herself was afflicted with the same complaint.

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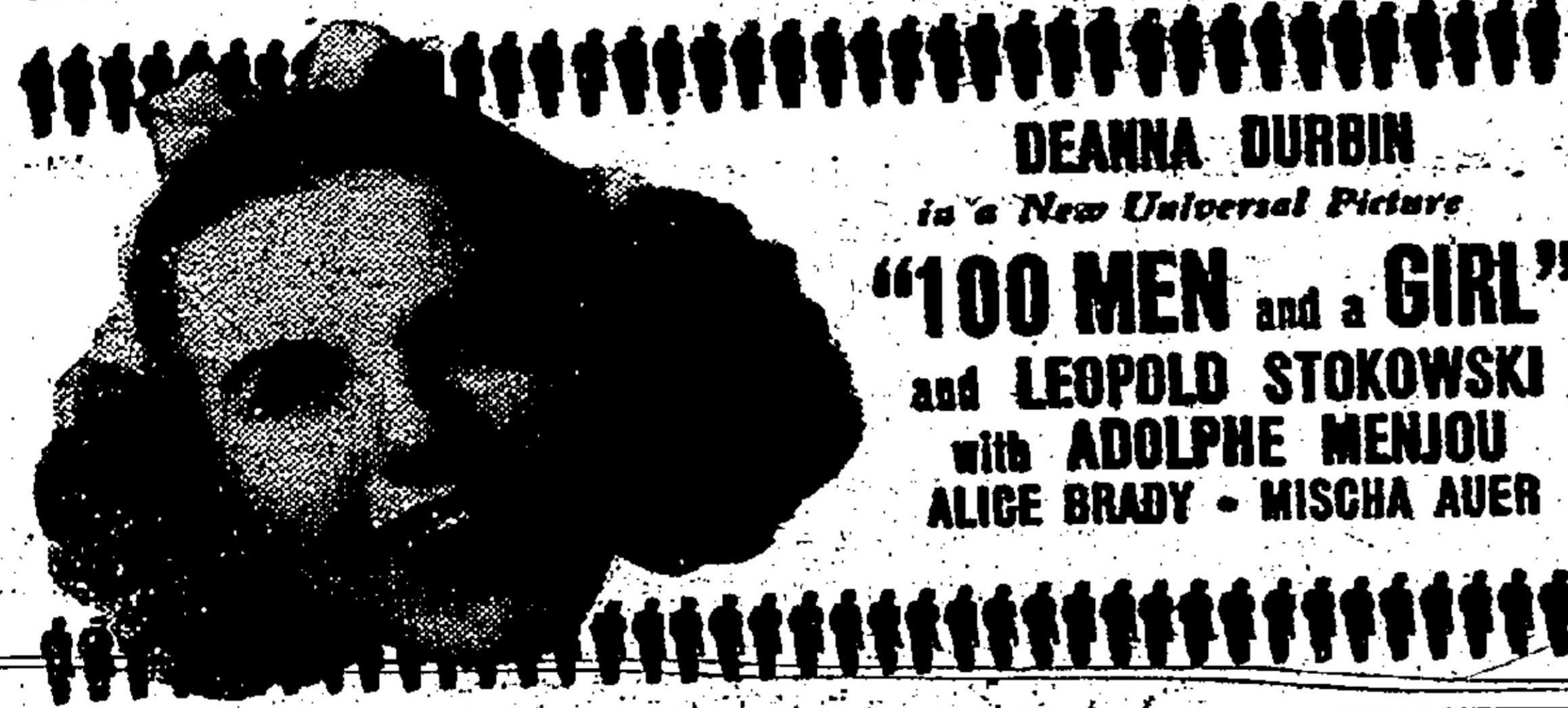
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ENORMOUS EXPANSION OF ARMAMENTS PROPOSED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Paris, To-day.

The reason that prompted the French Government to place the three branches of the armed forces under a single command, and details of the organisation of the new unified command, will be explained by the Defence Minister, M. Edouard Daladier in the joint session of the Chamber committee of the army, navy and air force to-day.

The newspaper "Le Jour" regards it as possible that M. Daladier will announce that the Government intends to submit to parliament a new extraordinary armaments programme, which will provide for an expenditure of several thousand million francs.

The new programme will, says the paper, mainly strengthen the navy and air force.

MOROCCO SCHEMES

The Government's plan is also said to provide for strengthening of existing air bases in North Africa and for construction of a new air base on the Atlantic coast of French Morocco.

Immediate construction of a new motor road or railway line for military purposes, to furnish direct connection between the east coast of Tunis and the Atlantic coast of Morocco, is also provided for in the plan, according to the paper.—Trans-Ocean.

PAWNSHOP TO RETURN STOLEN RING

A rare case, the first to come before Sir Atholl MacGregor during his four years in the Colony, was heard in the Appeal Court this morning, when Mrs. Lai Sun applied, through the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. E. H. Williams, for an order to be made for the return of a diamond finger-ring by the Tai Fung Pawn Shop, of Queen's Road Central.

The ring was stolen during the night of June 2 and 3 last. On June 4, pawnshops were notified by circular of the theft, and the description of the diamond ring was circulated, the value of it stated at \$300.

On June 28, the ring was pawned at the Tai Fung Pawn Shop for \$100 at \$5 interest, by Lo Wah-so, who was sentenced at the November Criminal Sessions to five years' hard labour for the theft.

Remarking that there must have been carelessness on the part of the pawnbroker, Mr. Williams applied for an order for the return of the ring upon payment of \$100 and interest or without payment.

After evidence by a Chinese Constable that he served a circular on the Tai Fung Pawn Shop, the Chief Justice ordered the ring to be returned to its owner without payment.

Addressing Kong Yim, representative of the Tai Fung Pawn Shop, His Lordship said, "For reasons only known to yourself you disregarded the warning. There must have been more than a cursory examination of the ring."

SABOTAGE DEATH SENTENCES

Moscow, To-day.

There were 6,233 death sentences for alleged crimes of sabotage, espionage and other offences against the state, in the nine months, according to figures published by the office of the director of public prosecutions yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

NO CHANCE OF MEDIATION

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai newspapers publish an emphatic denial by Chinese Government leaders of the Tokyo report of mediation by Britain in the Sino-Japanese war.

On the other hand, the Japanese spokesman here yesterday stated that mediation proposals would have small chance of finding favour with General Chiang Kai-shek.—Trans-Ocean.

GOERING'S NEXT TRIP

Berlin, To-day. Field-Marshal Hermann Goering will pay a "hunting visit" to Poland on February 22.—Trans-Ocean.

CANTEEN ROBBED

The manager of the N. A. A. F. I. Wellington Barracks has reported that some time between 12 midnight and 7.30 this morning, some one broke into the canteen and stole beer and cigarettes to the value of \$41.

Mrs. Rump, of No. 3, King's Building, has reported the loss of a brooch valued at \$12 between Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Britain Still Adheres To Policy Of Partition In Palestine

London, To-day.

Asked whether in order to allay anxiety at home and in Palestine, he would assure the House that the Government fully adhered to the policy of partition declared last July in the white paper and confirmed in September at Geneva, the Colonial Secretary replied that His Majesty's Government had stated last July that they had the conclusion that the scheme on general lines recommended by the Palestine Royal Commission represented the best and most hopeful solution of the deadlock in Palestine.

To that policy, they still adhered and the new Technical Commission was now to be appointed to work out a definite scheme as required by the resolution passed by the Commons on 31st July.

He added, in reply to a supplementary, that until the mandate was amended by the Council of the League, it could not be altered by an act of the British Government.

JEWISH NATIONAL HOME

In another reply on Palestine, Mr. Ormsby Gore said His Majesty's Government regarded the policy of partition as the best means by which, in existing circumstances, the promise regarding the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine could be implemented. Continuance of acts of terrorism in Palestine would not deter His Majesty's Government from the further enquiries necessary to prepare a definite scheme in accordance with the Commons resolution.—British Wireless.

TOKYO FINANCE MINISTER RESIGNS

Kobe, To-day.

Owing to criticism of his "negative finance," Mr. Okinobu Kaya, the Minister of Finance, is resigning after the present session of the Diet, declares the "Kobe Shimbun," a usually well-informed newspaper.

Forty-nine years of age, Mr. Kaya was given the portfolio when Prince Konoye formed his Cabinet last June.—Reuter.

SOVIET DIRIGIBLE DISASTER

Moscow, To-day.

An enquiry into the Soviet dirigible disaster is being conducted by a Government commission headed by a high air force officer.

The commission went to the scene of the tragedy to inspect the wreckage.

The bodies of the victims have been brought to Moscow for burial.—Reuter.

NO CHALLENGE TO TOKYO'S BUDGET

Tokyo, To-day.

All political parties yesterday decided to approve the 2,867,000,000 yen Budget Bill without amendment.

With the Budget Bill going through the committee stage, members of the parties, including the Minseito and Seiyukai, held conventions yesterday to decide their attitude on the measure.

As a consequence, it was expected that the ordinary Budget Bill will be passed by the House of Representatives on Saturday, and sent to the Upper Chamber.

Approval by the Diet of the extraordinary military budget is also regarded as certain.—Reuter.

River Boom Request

Canton, To-day.

It is learned that shipping concerns whose boats are now lying idle in Canton due to the closure of the boom at the mouth of the Pearl River, are preparing to petition the Canton authorities to lift the boom for sufficient time to allow them to leave the River.

The Hong Kong-Canton boats now lying in Canton are the s.s. Tai Shan, s.s. Sai On, s.s. Kwang Si, s.s. Tin Sang, and the s.s. Shing Chong.—Our Own Correspondent.

Transports Return North

Canton, To-day.

Vernacular reports now state that the Japanese transports which arrived at Formosa a few days ago have departed for Shanghai.

It is believed that the transports were despatched to convey reliefs and supplies to the warships operating along the South China coast and to convey re-placements for the Japanese troops in Central China from Formosa.—Our Own Correspondent.

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FRANCE TO LAY DOWN TWO BATTLESHIPS

Paris, To-day.
The Navy Minister, M. Bertrand, informed the Navy Commission of the Chamber yesterday that he will request the Cabinet to authorise laying down of two more 35,000-ton battleships in addition to the present 1938 building programme.

M. Bertrand declared that if measures were not taken to speed up construction, the Italian fleet by 1942 would be more powerful in new tonnage than the French fleet, which would then be unable to fulfil its mission in the Mediterranean unaided.—Reuter.

These two ships will each have a displacement of 35,000 tons, and will be of the same type as the "Jean Bart" being built.

France has two 35,000-ton battleships under construction, namely, the "Jean Bart" and the "Richelieu."—Trans-Ocean.

BOMBING OF OPEN TOWNS

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister received a deputation consisting of the Bishop of London, Lord Cecil of Chelwood and Sir Walter Layton in his room at the House of Commons last evening.

The deputation presented an influentially signed petition appealing for representations to be made to both parties in the Spanish Civil War to prevent bombing from the air of open towns in Spain.

Questioned in the Commons, on the same subject, the Foreign Secretary again referred to the British initiative at Barcelona and Salamanca, the result of which he was awaiting.—British Wireless.

Miss Webster, of the Queen Mary Hospital, has reported the loss of her car from Statue Square.



The Astor Trio who specialise in novelty dance creations are meeting with great success at the Hong Kong Hotel where they appear nightly in acrobatic and comedy dances.

CANONISATION OF POPE PIUS X

Rome, To-day.
The procedure for canonisation of Pope Pius X, who officiated from 1903 till 1914, is making rapid progress, and in the near future judicial recognition of the mortal remains of the famous Pontiff, interred in the crypt beneath the dome of St. Peter's, will be effected in traditional manner.—Trans-Ocean.

ROME "FRIENDS OF JAPAN"

Rome, To-day.
"Friends of Japan" is the name of a new society which has been formed in Rome at the instigation of the Ministry of Popular Culture. The society will be presided over by the Marchese del Calboli, who will also head a group of Fascists who are to visit Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS PREPARING SPECIAL MUI TSAI LEGISLATION

London, To-day.

MR. W. LUNN (Labour, Rothwell) asked in the House of Commons yesterday what steps were being taken by the Government of British Malaya to put into operation the minority report of the Mui Tsai Commission.

Mr. Ormsby Gore, Secretary for the Colonies, replied that draft legislation was now being prepared in the Straits Settlements, and the Governor proposed to publish, for local information, a full explanation of the action contemplated before legislation is introduced in the local Council.

Mr. Lunn enquired if they might be acquainted with the proposed legislation.

Mr. Ormsby Gore: Certainly, as soon as it is drafted.—Reuter.

CHIANG AN INCURABLE OPTIMIST

Hankow, To-day.

"I have not brought back with me from Tokyo any peace proposals from the Japanese Government, and even if the Japanese Government had made such a request, I would have declined," declared Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, in an interview with foreign pressmen yesterday.

Though suffering from ill health, the Ambassador, who was recently recalled following the Japanese Government's declaration on January 16 refusing to deal with the Chinese Government, is every inch a fighter, and during the interview frequently referred to himself as an "incurable optimist," "unbendable in spirit" and "always a staunch supporter of the policy of resistance against Japan."

CHIANG TO FIGHT ON

Mr. Hsu declared that in his interview with General Chiang Kai-shek he discovered that the Generalissimo "is another incurable optimist," and both General Chiang and himself had not been cured of their determination to continue resistance against Japan.

The Ambassador stated that the so-called China Incident was not accidental, but was premeditated, being the result of years of careful planning.

"The Japanese military authorities have complete say in the policy of the Japanese Government."

THREAT TO CANTON

"After the occupation of Nanking the ambitions of the Japanese military authorities increased, and when the Japanese succeeded in clearing the Tientsin-Pukow Railway zone of Chinese troops, they will continue the advance on Hankow, as well as Canton, considering that Hankow is the nerve centre of the Chinese Government and Canton is vitally important from the military viewpoint."

SIR HUGHE AT THE PALACE

London, To-day.

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, former British Ambassador in China, who was wounded last summer when Japanese airmen attacked the car in which he was proceeding from Nanking to Shanghai, was a visitor at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

He was received by the King on relinquishing his appointment as His Majesty's Ambassador in China. The King also received Sir Harold MacMichael on his appointment as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief in Palestine.—British Wireless.

MORE RAIN

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is unchanged over China and the neighbouring seas; pressure remains highest to the north of the lower Yangtse Valley.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds fresh; cloudy with drizzle or rain.

CROYDON TYPHOID OUTBREAK

London, To-day.

The Minister of Health has received the report of the enquiry into the recent typhoid outbreak at Croydon. The report will be published at an early date.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-ITALIAN DISCUSSION GIVES HOPE OF PROGRESS

Optimistic View In London: Civil War Solution

VOLUNTEER PERCENTAGE CONTROVERSY

London, To-day.

The initiative of the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in attempting to bring about an improvement in Anglo-Italian relations, appears to be meeting with a considerable measure of success.

Comment on the outcome of the conversations which have been taking place between British statesmen and the Italian Ambassador, Count Dino Grandi, strikes a very optimistic note.

Apparently no further mention is being made of Italian anti-British broadcasts, although a few weeks back their cessation was being made a preliminary condition on the part of Britain for resumption of friendly talks between the two countries.

Mainly responsible for this improved outlook is the decision of Italy to co-operate in finding a practical solution of the problem of withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain.

Italy has approved of the British plan for withdrawal, although agreement still has not been reached on the question as to whether withdrawal of 50 per cent. of foreign volunteers on both sides can be regarded as constituting "substantial" withdrawal, which has been made a condition for the granting of belligerent rights.

PERCENTAGE ISSUE

The original British plan foresaw withdrawal of 75 per cent. of foreign volunteers, while the Soviet had demanded 90 per cent.

Italy had at first suggested that the question of percentage be made dependent upon the report of the technical committee on the estimated number of foreign fighters in Spain, but has now agreed to withdrawal of 50 per cent., while Britain is still insisting on 60 per cent. and the Soviet on 70 per cent.

ROME RESERVE

Rome, To-day.

Extreme reserve is being maintained by official quarters regarding latest developments in the efforts at an Anglo-Italian rapprochement.

Attention is drawn in Rome to what are described as "purely malicious" press reports, which may "sabotage the Anglo-Italian talks."

One report in particular is that the Italian army will hold war games on the Libyan-Egyptian frontier in the summer.

Italy's attitude, says "Giornale d'Italia," will be one of watchful waiting.

"Where there are roses they will bloom," says the paper, "and Italy is waiting until the blooming takes place."—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

A new British proposal for overcoming non-intervention difficulties, was presented by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, to the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, yesterday evening following a lengthy telephone talk with the Foreign Minister in Paris, M. Yvon Delbos.

The proposal, details of which have not yet been revealed, is stated to have been approved by the British Cabinet yesterday, and will be placed before the chairman's committee of the non-intervention committee at its next meeting.

IN BACKGROUND

General opinion is that the question of exact percentage of foreign volunteers fighting in Spain to be withdrawn before rights of belligerency are granted, will be more or less pushed into the background.

It is known that Mr. Eden was engaged in a lengthy conversation with the Soviet Ambassador on Tuesday night on the percentage question.—Trans-Ocean.

NO MEETING OF NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

Contrary to expectations, no meeting of the Chairman's sub-committee of the Non-Intervention Committee will be held this week. Probably Lord Plymouth will summon a meeting in the course of next week.—British Wireless.

BUTENKO MYSTERY DEMAND

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet has strongly protested to Rumania in connection with the disappearance of M. Butenko, chargé d'affaires in Bucharest, on Feb. 8, and has demanded an immediate investigation and severe punishment of the guilty.

Official circles in Moscow allege that the diplomat was the victim of a political crime by a Fascist organisation.—Reuter.

EDEN DISSOCIATES BRITAIN FROM DUTCH MOVE

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary was asked in the Commons whether he was aware of the proposal recently made by the Dutch Government to the three Scandinavian Governments that they should join with the British and French Governments in recognising the Italian conquest of Ethiopia and whether the Dutch Government acted with the approval and authority of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Eden replied: "I understand that towards the end of last year, the Netherlands Government consulted the Governments of the other Oslo Convention Powers on the possibility of reaching an agreement on the terms of the letters of credence of their representatives in Rome and that, before taking any final step, the Netherlands Government had intended to consult both His Majesty's Government and the French Government.

DUTCH INITIATIVE

The initiative in this matter lay exclusively with the Netherlands Government and the reply, therefore, to the second part of the question is in the negative."

He added that the Netherlands Government had recently informed His Majesty's Government officially of the initiative taken by them in this matter.—British Wireless.

CHINA FOREIGN LEGION OF AIRMEN

Peiping, To-day.

China now has the services of a Foreign Legion, judging from figures issued by the headquarters of General Terauchi, the Japanese commander-in-chief.

There are 651 foreigners fighting for China, consisting of 57 British, 152 Americans, 124 French, 315 Russians and five others.

Bulk of the foreigners are engaged in aviation, the Chinese Government promising bonuses ranging from £1,000 to £2,000 for each Japanese plane brought down.

Legion casualties hitherto have been one Frenchman, one Russian and one American, all of them killed.—Reuter.

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PEOPLE of all Parties have expressed inability to understand the purpose of the Population (Statistics) Bill.

When all the facts and figures have been obtained, they say — Then What?

Clearly some explanation is needed. The stated purpose of the Bill is to discover whether there are any vital factors making for the decline of fertility, and any means of persuading or forcing the citizen to have more children than he happens to want.

Now, at first sight, it would appear that in making this inquiry the Government is asking for trouble. For two facts about the birth-rate are already agreed upon:

- (a) That the highest fertility is among the poorest classes;
- (b) That economic insecurity and fear of war causes the more responsible classes to limit their families.

This looks like a serious dilemma. But let me reassure you. Let us assume that all the questions allowed for in the Bill have been answered. Every married couple in the country will have filled in forms stating age, length and number of marriages, divorces, illegitimacy, insanity, diseases, trade and occupation, standard of education, prison records, and a rough outline of the domestic

affairs and scandals of every member of the family for three generations back.

And some day in the indefinite future, perhaps even before the hand that writes these words is dust, the inquiry will be complete, and a large annexe, extending half a mile along the Thames Embankment, will have been erected to house the documents.

This stage being reached, you will think, Parliament will be presented with a report, the elected representatives of the people will stand up and say, "So What?" and the Government will be obliged to do something.

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There is no justification for this pessimistic view. Let me remind you of a point that was brought out in the debate—that if any further questions were necessary, they would be added.

The vista here opened before the

Inquiry is practically infinite. Let us suppose they have been at work for, say, 15 years, and have issued their First Interim Report, stating that the highest degree of fertility is found among blast furnacemen of Wolverhampton, with South Wales miners as runners-up.

No vital factors being disclosed by the analysis of their family histories, further questions will be added, and it will be found that blast furnacemen have a 25 per cent. proportion of protruding ears and the miners a 37 per cent. incidence of flat feet.

Research into the influence of flat feet and protruding ears upon fertility proving abortive, further research will be made into the females, showing that the most fertile are those with two marriages and red hair.

Nothing arising out of this, the medical research bugs will get to work on the relation of fertility to hereditary disease. This will open up a new and vast field whereon as yet no investigator's feet hath trod nor the Nose of any Parker, even Pop of that ilk, sniffed.

The doctors will discover on an average one Vital Factor per week, which will be contradicted by other doctors the following week according to custom. And people will be prosecuted for having omitted to state in the last half-yearly returns that they had an

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uncle who thought he was Moses or a great-aunt with the botts.

Physical factors having proved so far fruitless, the Inquiry will turn to Mental and Emotional Influences, and a new line of research will be started into the question of Encouragement. This will range from the influence of the Seasons with special reference to Spring, to the effects of changing fashions in beauty-culture.

And, apropos of that, the Inquiry will start a new series of questions designed to elicit information regarding The Things That Put A Man Off.

For, as was pointed out by supporters of the Bill—if the Inquiry is to be fruitful, we cannot afford to ignore any factors which might prove to be important.

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Those of you who are unacquainted with the methods and purpose of Sound Government will here complain that such an Inquiry might easily go on for ever without yielding any information on which action can be taken.

To this I can only reply, "It is meant to." Official Inquiries are not instituted for the purpose of getting something done, but the reverse.

To this end, politicians have been trying for years to invent an Inquiry which by its very nature can never possibly come to an end. And here, in the Population (Statistics) Bill, we have at last the Ideal Official Inquiry. The Bureaucrat's Millenium has been ushered in.

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The Bill will inaugurate a new era of question-asking. So far we have not had nearly enough. There are all sorts of details of the private lives of citizens of which there is no official record.

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ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT CONFERENCE IN LONDON

Madame Sun Yat Sen To Address Mass Meeting

Lord Cecil And Sir Norman Angel To Represent Britain

London, To-day.

Delegates from many countries will attend a conference for boycott of Japan and aid for China next Saturday and Sunday, at which Madame Sun Yat-sen will be the most interesting figure. Madame Sun will address a mass meeting at Covent Garden Opera House on the evening of Feb. 13, to be attended by the principal delegates, after which the conference will conclude.

The British delegation, headed by Lord Cecil, will include Sir Arthur Salter, Sir Norman Angell, Mr. Vyvyan Adams M.P., Mr. Noel Baker M.P., Miss Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P. and Viscountess Gladstone.

Among foreign visitors will be M. Camille Huyghens, the former Governor-General of Indo-China, M. Varenne, the distinguished scientist, M. Leon Jouhaux and other representatives of Trades Unions and ex-Servicemen's Associations.

The British Trade Union movement will be strongly represented.—Reuter.

TOKYO BANK SYNDICATE LOAN IN PEIPING

Tokyo, To-day.

The manager of the Japan Industrial Bank, Mr. Eizo Kanuyama, as representative of a Japanese banking syndicate, flew from Tokyo to Peiping yesterday in order to sign the agreement relating to a loan by the syndicate to the Peiping "government."

The syndicate consists of the Japan Industrial Bank, the Bank of Korea and the Yokohama Specie Bank.

The loan, which will bear interest at 4½ per cent., will be repayable in two years, and is guaranteed by the "provisional government's" share in the "Federal Reserve Bank of China."—Trans-Ocean.

CLUES IN SOVIET ENVOY MYSTERY

Bucharest, To-day.

The police are following definite clues in the mystery of the disappearance of the Soviet chargé d'affaires, according to press reports.

A number of suspects, one paper says, have succeeded in crossing the frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

PRO-CHINESE MARCHES THROUGH OXFORD STREET

London, To-day.

A PRO-CHINESE and anti-Japanese procession, formed at the William Pitt statue in Hanover Square yesterday afternoon, marched along Oxford Street led by the Rural Dean of Kingston, the Rev. Tom Burton Scruton.

Those in the procession included

Mrs. Attlee, wife of the parliamentary leader of the Labour Party.

Mrs. Noel Baker, wife of the prominent Labour Party member, Viscountess Gladstone,

Viscountess Hastings, Miss Megan Lloyd George, daughter of Mr. David Lloyd George, and other well-known personalities.

BOYCOTT PLEA

At the head of the procession was a large banner inscribed in Chinese characters "Peace, Peace, Boycott Japan and save China."

NO INFORMATION OF REOPENING OF BARRIER

Canton, To-day.

No further information could be obtained this morning regarding the reopening of the Pearl River barrier, but the situation in Canton is quiet with the exception of repeated air raid alarms, another of which sounded this morning.

The "All Clear" went shortly afterwards.

A Chinese source states that Japanese planes reconnoitred over Waichow yesterday, but apparently no bombs were dropped, although a junk which had left Waichow a few hours previously is alleged to have been bombed and sunk. The seven occupants are reported to have been drowned.—Reuter.

CASTLECARY DISASTER SEQUEL

London, To-day. David Anderson, driver of the Edinburgh express which was involved in the collision at Castle Cary in December, when a number were killed and injured, has been arrested and charged with culpable homicide.

Anderson was released on bail pending police investigations.—Reuter.

"A Pro-Chinese British." — All letters must be accompanied by authentic name and address.—Ed.

THE WORLD GOES BY

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Even the Income Tax does not apply to everybody, and ignores most of the things a man prefers to keep to himself.

There are literally millions of private lives into which no official Nose has ever been pushed.

The nasal operations of the Means Test, from which so much was hoped have proved sadly limited in scope.

The portable property of the working class is limited; it does not take long for a few thousand keen and vigorous inspectors to go into the lodgings of every unemployed family and see if there is anything they haven't sold and to ask why they dare ask for relief while they still possess the kid's mouth-organ and Granny's little old wool rug.

Such inquiries are all over in a month or two, and then there is nothing left to be done with the Nose but to wipe it in sorrow.

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Democracy must not fall behind the Dictatorships. There are European Governments which boast that their subjects have no minds of their own except when they're asleep, and then only somewhat.

Shall it be said that Britain is lacking in the benevolent care and interest which the State should show in the private affairs of the citizen?

Let the Official Nose of Britain grow longer and longer, until all that is hidden shall be revealed, and the citizen is bound safely to the paternal State in bonds of irrefragable tape.

Secret List War Planes For Australia

Australians may welcome before June not only the winner of the world's long-distance aeroplane record, but also the arrival of units of a special Royal Air Force long-range flight squadron, in addition to a number of British airmen, who will deliver the latest defence machines ordered for the Royal Australian Air Force.

The Air Ministry states: "A long-range flight may start in the direction of Australia in the early spring. The machines ordered by Australia are on the secret list. Consequently, they must not be mentioned or discussed."

An official of the Society by British Aircraft Constructors states: "The formation of a special long-range flight is important for air services throughout the Empire. The formation enables the R.A.F. to conduct investigations on the technique of long-range flying, such as operational problems, navigation, radius, and suitability of engines.

"The new squadron will fly Vickers-Wellesley single-engine geodetic

monoplanes, holding two men, and also an automatic pilot. It will be the duty of the squadron to carry out experiments, which will bring the squadron in touch with various parts of the Empire. The squadron is preparing to fly to Australia early in the year.

ONLY ONE STOPPING-PLACE

"It is expected that one plane will be detailed to fly from England to Sydney, stopping only at Singapore. This flight will merely be incidental to a general investigation of long-range problems, and will not be in the range of a stunt, although a new world record may be set up.

"The Vickers-Wellesleys should be capable of a considerably longer flight than the Russian plane which travelled non-stop from Moscow to California. As a result of the tests, practical ranges of several thousand miles will receive their first application to military aviation. They also hold the promise of faster and more efficient commercial air communications. Mail planes of the future may travel from England to Australia at astonishing speeds. If only one intermediate halt needs to be made."

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NOISE MENACE

The coming and passing of Chinese New Year to the accompaniment of the ear-splitting bark of fire-crackers has led to a controversy which were better directed to the general problem of the menace of noise in the city, than to a specific manifestation of a celebratory character, of comparatively short duration. The most serious noise-evil that has to be tackled in this Colony is not the cracker enthusiast: it is still, as it has been for many years, the motorist who drives on the horn. The optimist of the story, who was supposed to have acquired a motor horn in the hope some day of being able to own a car to go with it, may not have acted so paradoxically after all. For there are motorists—a minority, fortunately—who regard the horn as the most agreeable if not the most important part of the automobile equipment. They specialise in the most strident type of siren. Its cacophony is music to their ears, and they regard it as almost the whole duty of a driver to keep his finger pressed on the button at intersections, or in intimidation of some unsuspecting pedestrian. A device designed merely to give warning of danger becomes, in such hands, a minatory and nerve-shattering instrument of discord. Nor are the incessant horn-blowers the only noise-producing pests of the road. There are young gentlemen who deem it necessary to announce the break up of a late night party in residential areas by sounding a fiendish tattoo on the hooters of their departing cars—which, as often as not, are inadequately silenced, and rattle like machine-guns as they race down the outraged street. It is the nocturnal horn-sounder who is most aggravating to the community's nerves. By day the screech of the motor hooter is more or less absorbed into the multitudinous noises which assail the ear of the modern city dweller. It is just one more element in the uproar. But at night, and especially late at night, the motor horn operated by thoughtless persons can become an intolerable nuisance, and it is the abuse and not the discriminating and considerate use of a necessary apparatus that is leading to a demand for an extension of the Silent Zone system until it becomes universal throughout the Colony.

The fact is that noisy motoring by day or night is just another form of bad driving. Impatience and courtesy are among the worst offences on the road. The mannerless driver tries to blare his way through traffic, vehicular or pedestrian. Frequent and protracted use of the horn is his substitute for courtesy and care. And it is the selfish, careless motorist who is responsible in the main for the imposition of the immeasurable restrictions which are tending to make motoring an arduous and highly technical undertaking instead of a source of pleasure.

Distracted communities are being driven to revolt against the noise of all kinds, and the car horn has already been outlawed at night throughout the whole of London. The Hor-Belisha ban is reported to have produced silence with safety.

The motor horn, of course, is only one factor in the serious problem of noise. We live in a rowdy age, an age of many inventions, most of which add to the clamour of existence. Even the air, once the abode of silence, is filled with the drone of aeroplanes or the raucous voice of the neighbour's non-stop wireless. The Colony's suburbia, thus invaded, is no longer a certain harbour of refuge from the city's din. It is probable that noise, which the Oxford English Dictionary defines as "the aggregate of loud sounds arising from a busy community," produces a kind of protective immunity in city workers who are incessantly exposed to it, but the toll upon health is nevertheless considerable. Etymologists have suggested that the word "noise" may have originated in the Latin "nausea" or "noxia." The modern effects of excessive sound are often injurious enough to lend colour to such a derivation. Many nervous troubles are directly traceable to this cause, and the noise abatement societies which have sprung up all over the world have shown that the increasing racket of the modern world's mechanised cities is a very real evil.

Feeling the Strain

One of Britain's M.P.s has been explaining that he regards it as his duty not to seek re-election at the next general election because he finds that he cannot efficiently combine his Parliamentary responsibilities with the proper care which a father should henceforward devote to an only child, a boy who is at present a little short of four years old. Judging by the prominence (and pictures) attached to the zealous parent's statement in many of the recent papers one has a feeling that the M.P. in question may yet live to regret that he ever decided to make public the reasons for his withdrawal from political life. It is all very well to have up-to-date, serious, and enlightened views about child welfare, but it is difficult to avoid the thought that a slightly tougher and more resolute age than this would have been mildly surprised at the proposition that looking after one son is a whole-time job for said son's male parent, and that if a choice has to be made between paternity and politics it is politics that must take the back seat.

Any such theory would have greatly depopulated the House of Commons in those vigorous Victorian days when papa's quiverful might easily run to a round dozen. But in those days it was mamma's privilege not only to produce but to tend and nurture the household progeny; all that was expected of papa was that he should be the bread-winner and grow lovely side-whiskers. A dozen offspring meant little to him in the way of day-to-day personal duties; the distaff side, with or without other female assistance, looked after that aspect of family affairs. Now a single son of four years old can apparently upset the paternal apple-cart. It may be evidence of our greater earnestness, but it all sounds a little odd and unexpected.

JAPAN'S COUNTER TO NAVAL "ULTIMATUM"

Request Refused With Offer Of Limitation Talks

BOMB STRAFE AT CHANGSHA HONG KONG PLANE LANDS WITH DIFFICULTY

Hankow, To-day.

Changsha, capital of Hunan, was subjected to terrific bombing by Japanese aircraft yesterday morning, when Fanchen, Ichang and Shasi were also attacked.

While details of the raid on Changsha are lacking, the German pilot of the Eurasia plane from Hong Kong found it almost impossible to land the machine on arrival at Changsha immediately after the bombing, because of the numerous holes in the airfield.

The pilot believes the raid took a heavy toll in casualties, although he is unable to give accurate figures.

Chinese aircraft also conducted a raid yesterday morning, when eleven bombers flew to the Pengpu front and bombed Japanese troop concentrations on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS DRAW OFF FROM BOCCA TIGRIS

Canton, To-day.

Three Japanese warships which were hovering near Bocca Tigris have left and are now cruising near Tai Man Shan, a few miles from the forts.

In the vicinity, it was reported last night, are also 12 Japanese fishing steam-launches which have been converted into miniature gun-boats.

The enemy craft have, however, refrained from shelling the forts during the last three days, and it is now thought that the demonstration is over.

The Chinese military are, however, keeping a close watch on their movements.—Our Own Correspondent.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR SOUTH HOPEI FRONT

Peiping, To-day.

Several trainloads of Japanese troops passed through Fengtai junction en route to the Peiping-Hankow Railway front yesterday.

Operations aiming at cutting off the Lunghai Railway at Cheng-chow, in north Honan, are believed to be imminent.—Reuter.

DENIES HER WARSHIPS ARE MENACE TO OTHERS

Charging the other naval powers with attempting "laying at the Japanese door responsibility for a construction race," Japan emphatically denies that she is building warships constituting a menace to others, an official statement being published later this week will declare.

A communique is being released simultaneously with delivery of the Japanese replies to the British, American and French Notes asking for information on Japanese building plans.

An emergency Cabinet meeting is being held on Saturday to approve the text of the Japanese Notes, which are expected to be forwarded soon after.

It is reported that the Japanese replies, while refusing to comply with the request, reiterate Japan's willingness to discuss disarmament on both a qualitative and a quantitative basis:

TOKYO'S COUNTER

The official statement will further call on Britain and the United States, as the "biggest naval powers in the world," to give up the offensive naval vessel and join Japan in an effort at disarmament.

The Navy and the Foreign Office, after prolonged consultations, have decided that the contents of the replies, which will recall that Japan expressed objection at the London Disarmament Conference in 1936 to disarmament restricted to qualitative limitation unaccompanied by quantitative limitation, and notification of naval building plans, on the ground that such steps would not contribute toward real disarmament.

NO CHANGE

Even to-day the Japanese Government's attitude concerning disarmament has undergone no change, the communications will declare.

"Although Japan did not participate in the treaty concluded at that conference, the Japanese Government is making efforts to bring about self-sufficiency in armaments based upon the pre-established principle of non-menace and non-aggression."

INCOMPREHENSIBLE

The request for information regarding Japan's naval plan is "incomprehensible" to the Japanese Government, which "regrets its inability to comply."

The communication will further disclaim responsibility for current rumours that Japan is building vessels of a size exceeding the limitations of the 1936 Treaty.

Surprise is voiced at invocation of the escalator clause, because of Japanese failure to reveal building plans, as if her course of action is indicative that construction of the vessels constitutes a menace to others.

LIMITATION OFFER

The Japanese Government, adhering to its earnest desire for dis-

N. C. O.—KILLED IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day. A British army sergeant was shot and killed in an encounter between a military column and an armed gang north of Tulkarem yesterday.—Reuter.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT IN ATHENS

Athens, To-day. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, accompanied by the Countess Toerring (daughter of the late Prince Nicholas of Greece) and Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, arrived here yesterday.

They were greeted at the station by the King of Greece and Prince and Princess George of Greece.

The Duchess of Kent was in deep mourning.—Reuter.

The body of Prince Nicholas has been laid in a big room, temporarily serving as a chapel, in the hotel "Great Britain" where the Prince spent his last days.

The burial will take place in the Royal residence in Tatoi, where several members of the Royal family are interred.—Trans-Ocean.

COURT MOURNING

Athens, To-day. King George of Greece has ordered that the Court shall go into mourning for a month for the late Prince Nicholas.

Date of the funeral will not be fixed until all the late Prince's sons and daughters arrive in Athens, which they are expected to do by to-night.

This afternoon the Prince's coffin will be taken to the Cathedral for the lying in state.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY RECRUITING

London, To-day. The recruits for the Regular Army during last week numbered 821, an increase of 302 over the corresponding week of last year and a record for that particular week since 1931.—British Wireless.

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"Le Jour" says that for the first time since the visit of the late King George V and Queen Mary to France shortly after the end of the war, Paris will have the honour and joy of welcoming a British reigning monarch within its portals. The Royal visit acquires special significance under the present constella-

tion of events in that it will be regarded as symbolizing Anglo-French friendship.

Parisians of the old generation will recall the official visit of the late King Edward VII which resulted in the cementing of the entente cordiale.

PROFOUND GRATIFICATION

"Petit Parisien" says that announcement of the Royal visit has given rise to profound gratification in all sections of the French nation.

The paper continues that King George VI and Queen Elizabeth enjoy as much popularity in France as they do at home and they can count on being received with the same amount of enthusiasm as was displayed by the French populace when the late King George V and Queen Mary paid their official visit shortly after the conclusion of the war.—Trans-Ocean.

Bringing Up Father



BRITAIN'S DROP*

One-Third Of Value Lost, Except In Hong Kong

London, To-day.

The movements of the British export trade to China since the middle of last year, were described by Captain Euan Wallace, parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Capt. Wallace said that exports in the third quarter of 1937 were only slightly less than in the corresponding period of 1936, but in the fourth quarter they declined to about one-third their value compared with the previous corresponding period.

BIARRITZ ARREST MYSTERY

Paris, To-day.
The Marquis of Portago, a prominent member of the Spanish colony in Biarritz, has been arrested by the French police at St. Jean de Luz.

The Marquis had just returned

The decline was accompanied by a large increase in exports to Hong Kong, but it was not possible to say to what extent the increase was due to diversion to Hong Kong of shipments which might normally be consigned to Chinese ports.—Reuter.

from insurgent Spain.

No reason is given for his arrest.—Trans-Ocean.

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Horse-drawn sledges are used by the winter-sports enthusiasts at St. Moritz when travelling to the snow-fields. Photo shows—A different "car park." The sledges parked together near the famous Olympic leap at St. Moritz. (Copyright).

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IN CHINA TRADE



Jessie Matthews in "Head Over Heels in Love," starting at the King's Theatre to-day.

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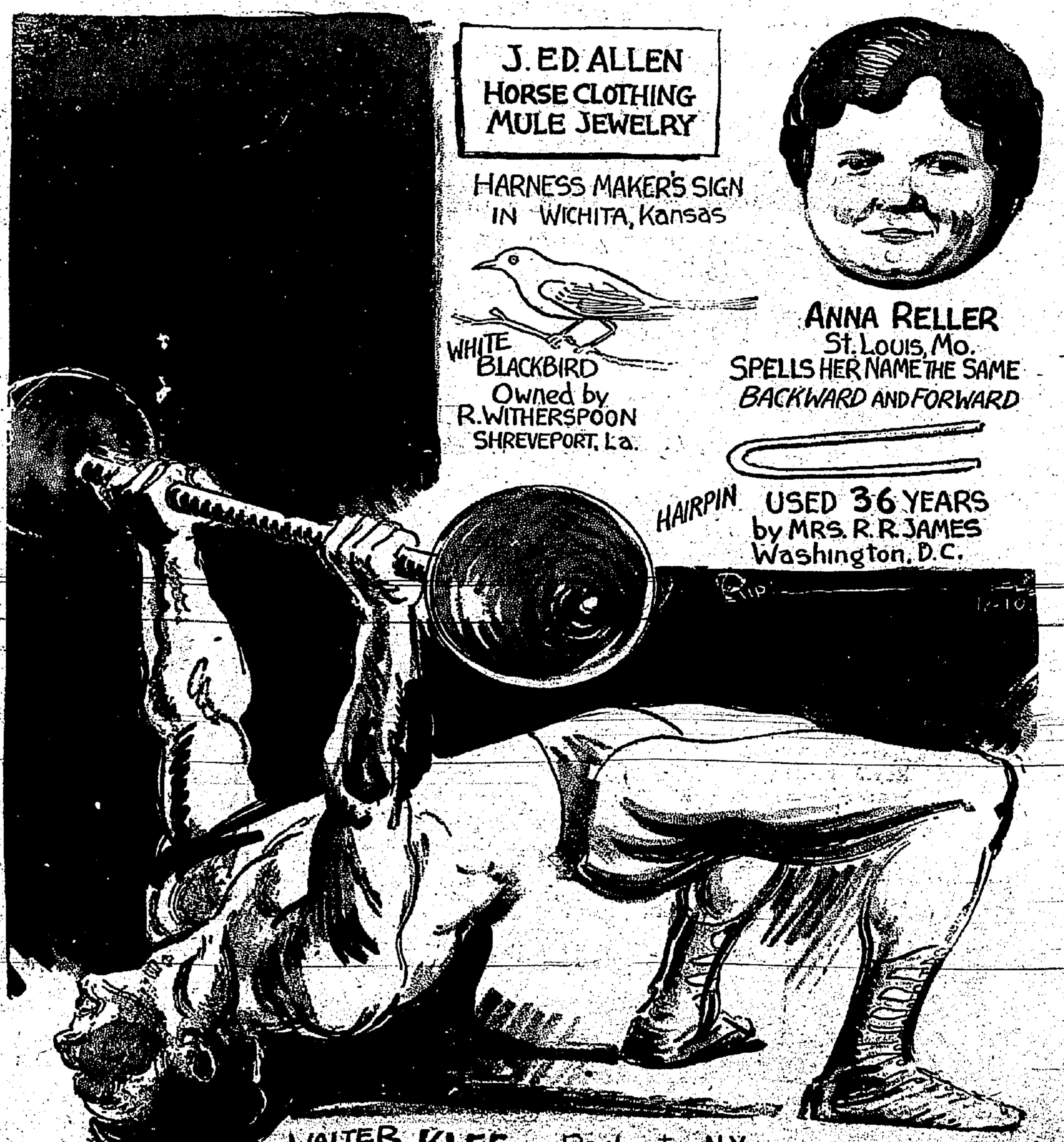
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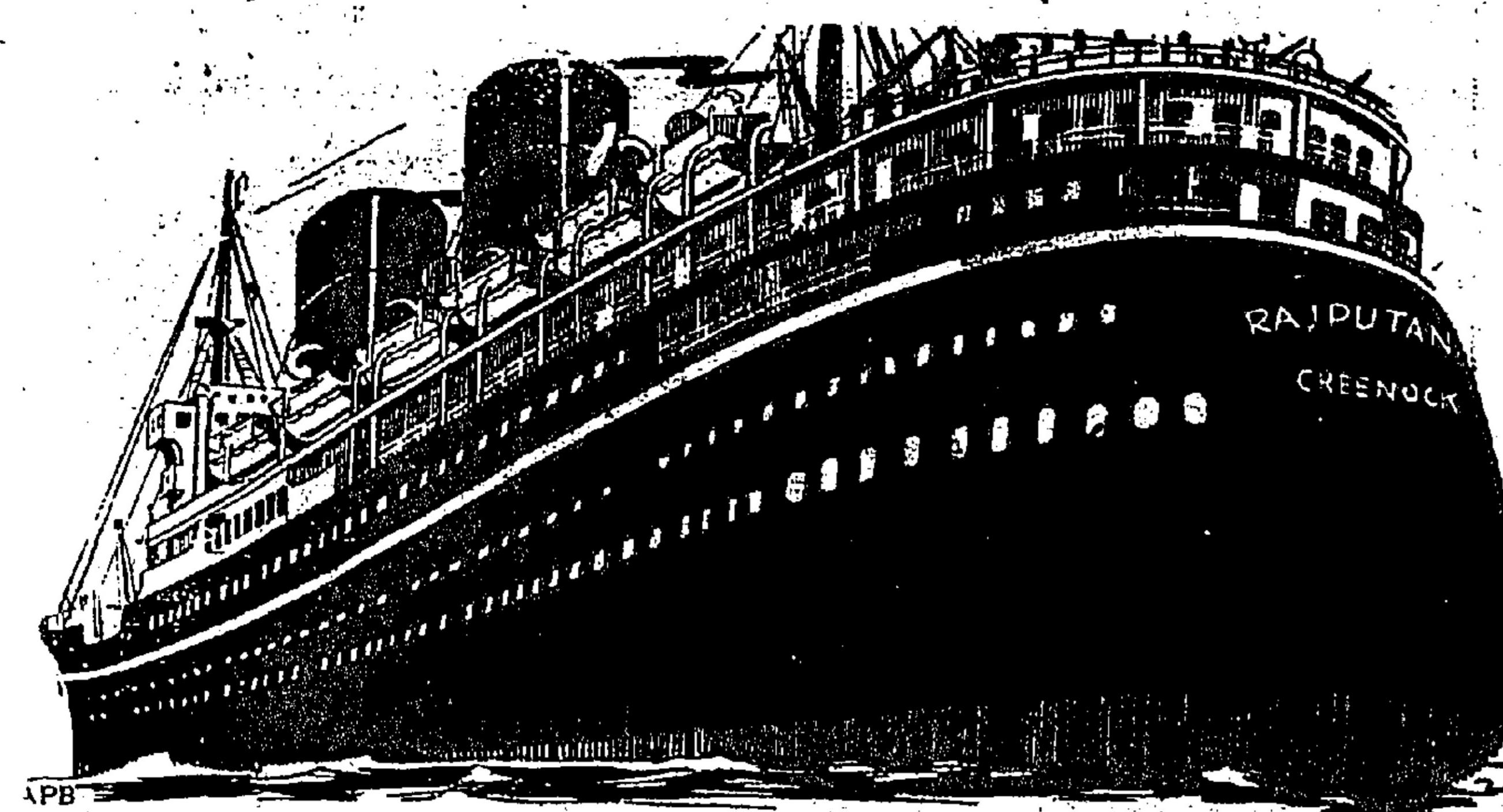
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KAISAR-I-HIND	11,000	19th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	26th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
NALDERA	16,000	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	16th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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SIRAHANA	8,000	3rd Mar.	Amoy & Japan.
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Manila	February 11.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai—Vancouver B.C., 22nd Jan.	February 12.
Japan and Amoy	February 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 13.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle, date 15th January)	February 13.
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Reg.	Reg.	Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Feb. 11, 6 a.m.
Swatow	Friday	Kiungchow Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai		Gneisenau Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
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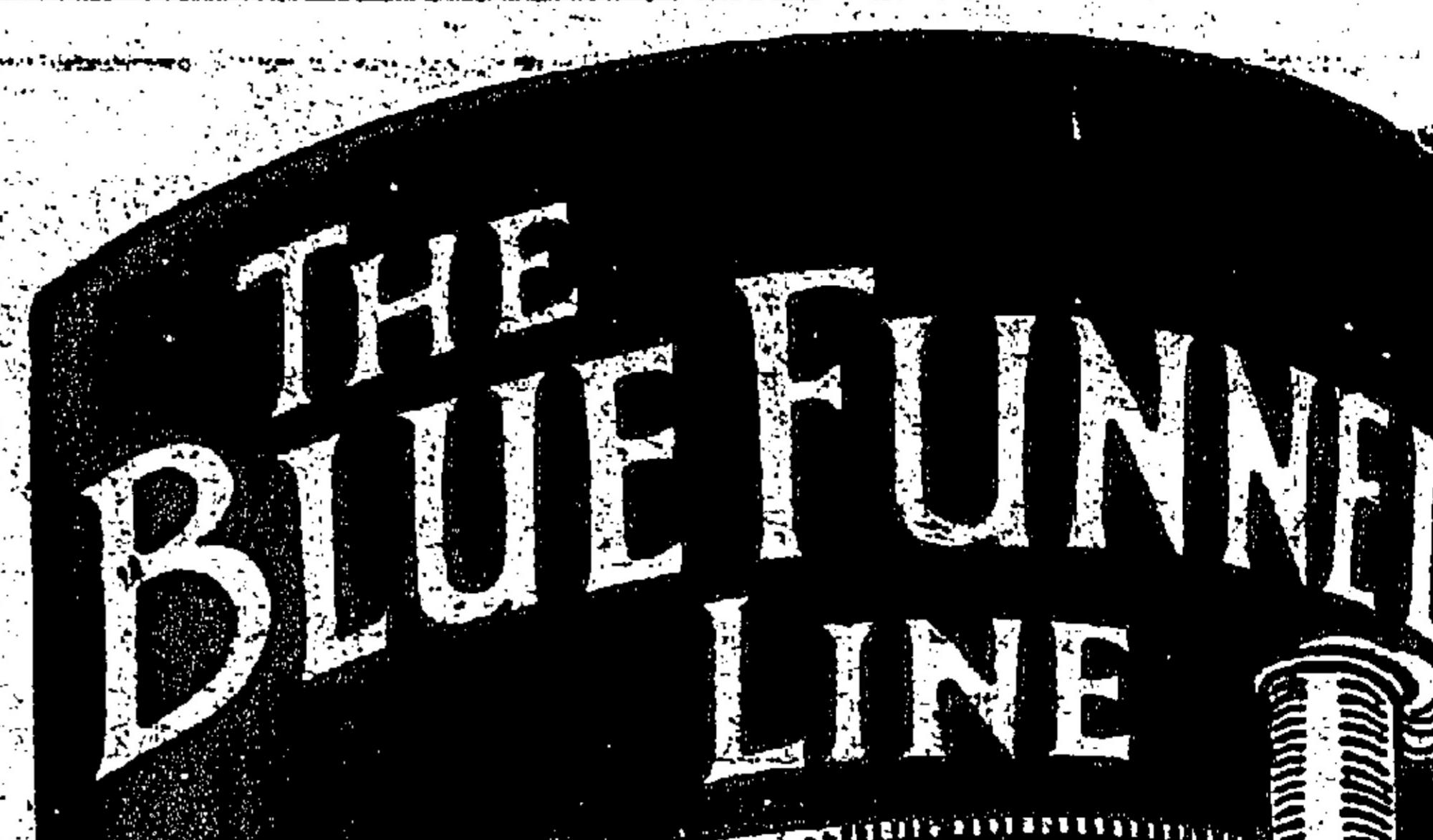


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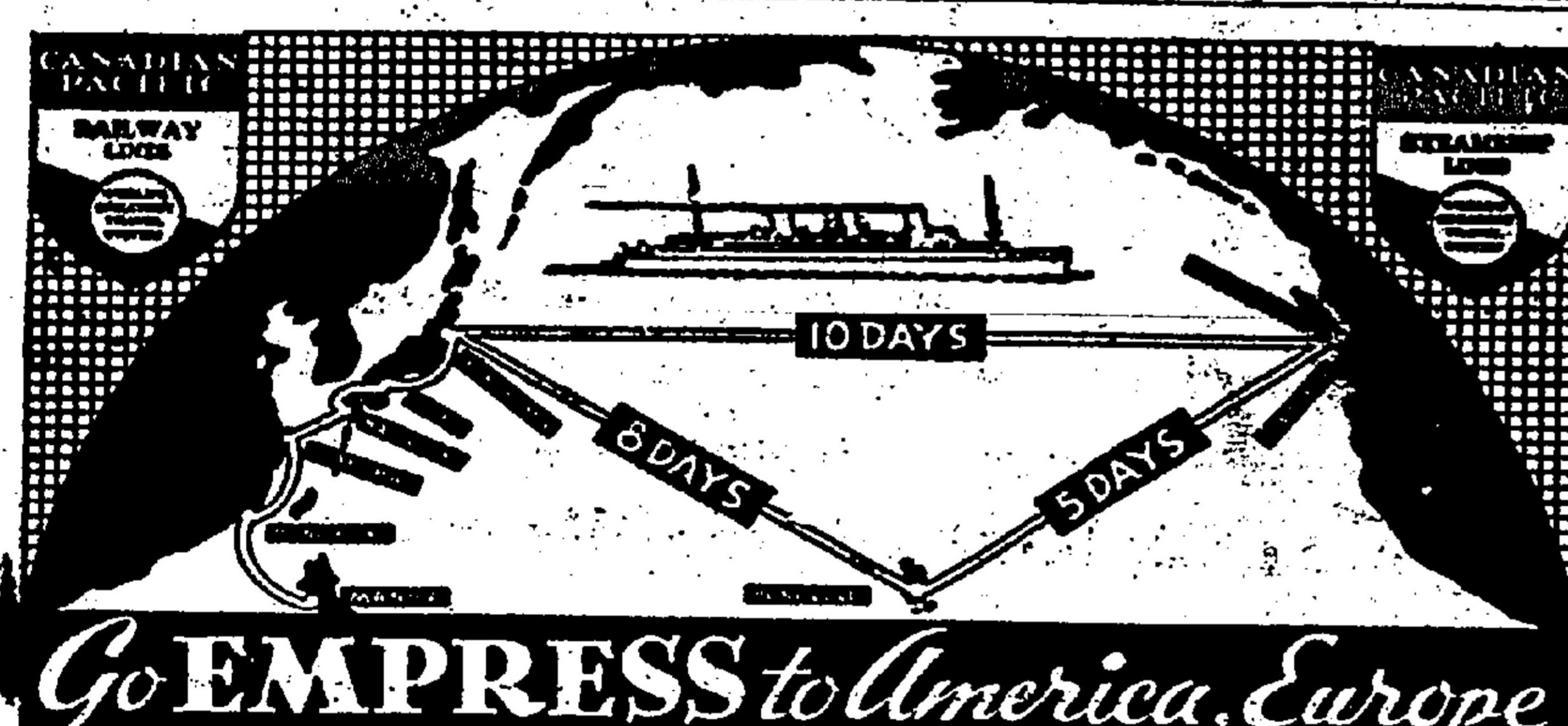
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Represented by the Honourable Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, a Chinese junk-master, Leung Kam-tai, successfully appealed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning against the prison sentence imposed on him by Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court on January 24.

Appellant, pleading guilty to a charge of making his junk fast to the m.s. Chile while the vessel was under way, was given the maximum sentence of two months' hard labour after he had admitted five previous convictions for similar offences.

Appellant's Counsel pointed out this morning that the maximum sentence for such offences was a fine of \$50 or two months' imprisonment, but influenced by certain circumstances the learned Magistrate saw fit to impose the prison sentence without the option of a fine.

It had since been discovered, continued Counsel, that the learned Magistrate made a mistake by taking into consideration, to which appellant contributed by admitting, five previous convictions, whereas the appellant had only two previous convictions, the other three being his wife's, recorded in his name.

Appellant was last convicted on March 18, 1936, and not on January 5, 1938, which was the record of appellant's wife's conviction recorded on appellant's licence.

Counsel also pointed out that the sentence was too heavy. The offence, he said, did not warrant a prison sentence.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, said the Magistrate was perfectly entitled, as a warning to others, to impose the maximum sentence.

Reducing the sentence to a fine of \$30 or four weeks' imprisonment, the Chief Justice remarked that a Court would not pass a maximum sentence unless there were aggravating circumstances, of which there were none in this case.

A house boy, employed by Miss Gray, of No. 2, Conduit Road, who was entrusted with \$51 with which to pay some bills has absconded, according to a report made to the Police.

**REVISION OF
FARM BILL**

Washington, To-day.

The principal provisions of the revised Farm Bill were announced yesterday.

Firstly, continuation of Soil Conservation Act payments to farmers who are substituting soil conserving crops.

Secondly, control of the marketable amount of cotton, tobacco, rice, corn and wheat, if the Secretary for Agriculture estimates prospective supplies as dangerously high, and disposing of the penal tax for sale of over quota production. However the quota will not be operated if one third of the farmers by referendum reject.

Thirdly, acreage withdrawn from soil-depleting crop must not use crops beyond farmer's normal needs, otherwise threaten daily croppers.

Fourthly understanding that the programme need U.S. \$500,000,000 although it is not specifically mentioned.

Fifthly, a U.S. \$20,000,000 appropriation for wheat crop insurance programme.

Authorisation of creation of a U.S. \$100,000,000 corporation to insure other crops.

Sixthly, individual payments to limited to a maximum of \$10,000.

Seventhly, establishment of machinery with which the Secretary of Agriculture will try to develop new use in the markets for major farm products.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27s.

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VATICAN CONCORDAT RESCINDED

Belgrade, To-day.

The recent conflict between the Yugo-Slav Government and the Serbian Orthodox Church (as reported in the "China Mail" yesterday) has been settled.

The dispute arose owing to the Church's opposition to the Concordat signed between the Government and the Vatican.

The Government has now rescinded the Concordat and has proclaimed an amnesty for those arrested in demonstrations against signing of the agreement with the Church of Rome.

The Orthodox Church, on the other hand, has cancelled the order of excommunication against Ministers and Deputies.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1480 b., cum. div.
INSURANCES
Union Ins. \$500 b., \$500 sa.
China Underwriters \$1.40 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$60 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$117½ b.
H. K. and W. Docks \$29 b.
Providents (Old) \$23½ s., \$2.70 sa.
Providents (New) 65 cts. b., 75 cts. s., 70 cts. sa.

MINING
Antamoks Ps. .60 sa.
Atoks Ps. .29 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .24 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.80 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .64 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .011 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .42½ sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .67 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .27½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .74 sa.
Suyoc Consol. 20½ sa.
United Paracales Ps. .53 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$6 b.
H. K. Lands \$32½ b.
H. K. Realties \$4.90 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Trams \$15 b., \$15 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$6½ b.
Peak Trams (New) \$8¾ s.
Star Ferries \$86½ b., \$87 s.
China Lights (Old) \$10.90 b.
China Lights (New) \$7.45 b.
H. K. Electrics \$56 b.
Macao Electrics \$19¾ b.
Telephones (Old) \$25.80 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$13¾ b.

STORES, &c.

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THOS. COOK (Bankers)

Further expansion has been achieved by Thos. Cook and Son (Bankers) during the past year, in face of the exceptional conditions prevailing throughout the world. Deposits of this well-known private bank have advanced by £464,000, or more than 11 per cent., to £4,470,000. The tradition of liquidity which has always been a characteristic of the balance-sheet is fully maintained. Liabilities on current, deposit and other accounts are covered by cash and short-term loans to the extent of nearly 83 per cent. Moreover, a larger sum is represented by interest-bearing deposits with other banks, amounting to £2,688,000, or £735,000 more.

Investments amount to £641,000 and are taken, as usual, at or below market values. As much as £529,100 is represented by British Government securities and £66,100 by Indian and Dominion Government securities. Paid-up capital of £125,000 is equally by the published reserve fund, but substantial hidden reserves make the position even stronger than appears on the surface.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on THURSDAY, the 3rd. March, 1938, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and FRIDAY, the 4th. March, 1938, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's Office, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street, at NOON on THURSDAY, the 24th. February, 1938, but intending exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscriptions and ALL THOSE who wish to join the Society are requested to send \$5.00 to the UNDERSIGNED.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 3rd. February, 1938.

EXHIBITION MATCHES

Saturday 19.2.38.
Corinthians vs. S.C.A.A.

Sunday 20.2.38.
Corinthians vs. United Services.

Saturday 26.2.38.
Corinthians vs. Civilians.

Sunday 27.2.38.
Corinthians vs. All Hong Kong.

All the matches will be played at Caroline Hill commencing each day at 4.00 p.m.

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Hong Kong, 1st January, 1938.

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FUSILIERS HOLD S. CHINA AT SOCCER

CHAN TAK FAI AND ROWLANDS SHINE

WELSH WINGERS ON THE MARK

(By "REFEREE")

MAKING their farewell appearance against South China Athletic Association yesterday at Caroline Hill, the Royal Welch Fusiliers shared six goals in a fairly entertaining game in which the Chinese attack shone.

CHAN TAK-FAI GAVE A GRAND DISPLAY AT CENTRE-FORWARD SCORING TWO OF SOUTH CHINA'S GOALS, WHILE ROWLANDS, IN THE SOLDIER'S GOAL, WAS ALSO AT HIS BEST AND BROUGHT OFF SOME GLORIOUS SAVES, BRINGING DOWN THE HIGH DRIVES WITH CONSUMATE EASE. IT IS A PITY THAT HE WILL NOT BE WITH US FOR THE MATCH AGAINST THE CORINTHIANS AS THE COLONY HAVE BEEN VERY WEAK IN THIS DEPARTMENT THIS SEASON.

The most impressive players among the Welshmen yesterday were their two wingers Dennis and Parry, whose glorious centres should have met a better fate. Dennis was an artist at corner kicks although he overshot the mark twice from the touchline with his inside forwards well positioned.

Coakley gave the Chinese defence a trying time, but in playing round with the ball he often disorganized his own attack. Sullivan was a very hard worker at inside-left and had hard lines on several occasions. Talbot has lost none of his fine ball control and speed, while his deadliness anywhere near or in the "area" was substantiated by his fine equalising goal when he beat Tam Kwan-kong easily with a fine first time effort.

INDIVIDUALLY DANGEROUS

Individually the Welshmen were very dangerous in attack, but as a line they failed badly. There was little cohesion in their final touches, and try as he could Talbot could not work up an understanding with Coakley and Sullivan.

The Welsh halves were a trifle disappointing. Keneghan, who is staging a comeback with the senior team, was very faulty in his distribution, while his deliberate handling which led to a penalty, was uncalled for. Evans, at right-half, was a failure and could do little against the Chinese left-wing. His passes were invariably intercepted, although he spoiled well. Gresty, at left-half, was the pick-of-the intermediate line, giving Parry excellent support.

WILD BACKS

Wheeler and Keating were a wild pair of backs, Keating being responsible for the first Chinese goal when he retrieved the ball off the goal-line and passed it forward a few yards to Evans, who was unprepared. Fung securing the ball to transfer to Chan Tak-fai, whose drive found the net.

The Chinese were a fairly well balanced side with the exception of Mak Shui-hon, at right-back, Tse Kam-hung, left-half, and Tang Kwong-sum, on the right-wing. These three failed to combine effectively with the rest of the team, although Tang sent across some very fine centres, three of which should have found the net from headers.

Chan Tak-fai opened the scoring

TEAMS TO MEET THE ENGLISH VISITORS**ULRICH SECURES HIS PLACE**

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association against the Islington Corinthians on Sunday February 27:

Duncan (Royal Scots); Lee Ting-sang (Capt.) (South China "A") and Ulrich (Kowloon); Williamson (Seaforths), Lau Hing-choi (South China "A"); Leung Wing-chiu (South China "A"); Yeung Shui-yick (South China "A"), Lai Shui-wing (South China "A"), Fung King-cheung (South China "A"), Saw (Middlesex) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: — Pile (Police), Bright (Middlesex), Ferris (Navy), Chan Tak-fai (South China "B"), Grogan (Middlesex) and Pearson (Middlesex).

The following have been chosen to represent the Civilians against the Islington Corinthians on Saturday February 26:

S. Tsang (Eastern); Mak Shui-hon (South China "A") and V. Costa (St. Joseph's); Leung In-chan (South China "B"), Bliss (Kowloon) and Lee Kwok-wai (South China "A"); Fowler (Club), Wong Mei-shun (South China "A"), Knox (Kowloon), Howlett (Police) and Bickford (Club).

Reserve: — Bone (Police), Hussain (St. Joseph's), Gough (Police), Leonard (St. Joseph's), Ward (St. Joseph's).



for South China, but Coakley equalised with a glorious "daisy-cutter" from 25 yards. Soon after Keneghan handled in the area and Fung placed the Chinese in the lead and just before the interval Chan Tak-fai added their third as a result of faulty play by Keating.

In the second half Leung Wing-chiu was penalised for handling in the area and Sullivan netted to reduce the Welshmen's arrears and just before the end during a scramble from a corner kick, Talbot netted the equaliser with a fine drive.



Lee Ting-sang, above, has been elected captain of the Colony soccer team against the Islington Corinthians.

POLICE'S JUNIOR SHIELD WIN

University Defeated

The Police proved too strong for the University in the replayed Second Round of the Junior Shield at Happy Valley, yesterday, securing a very easy win by four clear goals.

Wong Mow-kwai (2) and Tse Sui-yiu scored before the interval, and Tan Kwai-choi scored in the second period.

**H.K.S.R.A. AND CLUB DRAW AT HOCKEY**

A friendly game of hockey was played on the Marina Ground yesterday, when the Hong Kong Singapore Royal Artillery drew with the Hong Kong Hockey Club in a closely contested game, each side netting three times.

Allah-Ditta, (for Club) and Whitley (2) scored for the Club and Tara Singh scored a hat trick for the Gunner.

Another Match Drawn

Another drawn game was played when the Royal Engineers' met H.M.S. Adventure in King's Park yesterday, each side netting once.

Ellsley scored first for the Royal Artillery in the first half, while Teek equalised in the second half.

Yesterday's Results

The following were yesterday's results:

Women's 440 Yards Free-style:

1. Miss Dorothy Green (Australia). 5 mins. 39 7-10 secs.

2. Miss Margaret Jeffrey (England). 5 mins. 40 2-10 secs.

3. Miss Irene Donnett (Australia). 5 mins. 42 secs.

Won by a touch and a yard. The first three times were Games and Australian records.

Men's 440 Yards Free-style:

1. Pirie (Canada). 4 mins. 54 6-10 secs. (Australian Record).

2. R. H. Leivers (England). 4 mins. 55 4-10 secs.

3. Robin Biddulph (Australia). 4 mins. 55 5-10 secs.

Won by two yards and a touch. Women's 110 Yards Back-stroke:

1. Miss Pat Norton (Australia). 1 min. 19 5-10 secs. (Australian Record).

2. Miss Jeanne Greeland (Wales). 1 min. 22 5-10 secs.

3. Miss Margot Hamilton (Scotland). 1 min. 23 2-10 secs.

Won by four yards and a touch. Men's 220 Yards Breast-stroke:

1. Davies (England). 2 mins. 51 9-10 secs. (Australian Record).

2. P. D. B. Spence (British Guiana). 3 mins. 5-10 secs.

3. Prentice (Canada). 3 mins. 1 8-10 secs.

Won by ten yards and two feet. **Lawn Bowls—Rinks:**

1. New Zealand. 2. South Africa. 3. Australia.

Lawn Bowls—Pairs: 1. New Zealand. 2. Australia. 3. South Africa.

Lawn Bowls—Singles: 1. South Africa. 2. New Zealand. 3. Australia.

—Reuter.

THE INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL FINAL

AMERICANS HAVE EDGE OVER THEIR CHINESE RIVALS

YANKEES' 3 CLOUTERS MAY TURN TIDE

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN

(By "SHORTSTOP")

NEGOTIATIONS have been completed by the sponsors of the International Softball Series, the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, to procure a suitable ground for the final. Through the courtesy of the Hong Kong Football Club, the final will be played on their ground on Sunday, February 20, at 2.30 p.m.

A large crowd of spectators is expected at Happy Valley to see the final game of this newly-formed sport in the Colony. That China and the U.S.A., are in this play-off augurs well for the promise of an exciting game for the International championship of Hong Kong.

Both teams are confident of annexing the International Softball Shield, donated by James J. King, an enthusiastic new-comer to softball and the manager of the Central British Association's squad.

AMERICANS HAVE EDGE

Although the American contingent have the edge on the Chinese boys with their more experienced line-up, the latter team are holding many practises each week.

With only one heavy clouter in Bill Woo, who has been holding down the initial sack with distinction during the season, China has to worry over at least three hitters in the opposition, Hank Madigan, left fielder de luxe; Rex Rechsteiner, of the windy alley; and Butch McCall, stalwart third sacker. These three boys are hefty hitters and there is nothing wrong with their soup bones!

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMMES

Attractive programmes are being printed for this game, and the purchaser will be entitled to entrance into the ground for the sum of fifty cents. It will also entitle the holder to a chance of winning a prize presented by the Shui Hing Company.

First prize will be merchandise to the value of \$200, second prize will be worth \$75, and third prize the value of \$25. There will further be thirty consolation prizes of \$10 and \$5 each.

"SPOTLIGHT"

Earl Wong, third sacker of the Pui Ching Academy, and a member of the Vets Softball Club, was born 18 years ago at Newcastle, California.

Earl attended grade school at the place of his birth, and entered Placer Union High School, at Auburn, where his sports activities included basketball and softball.

AT PUI CHING

Coming to China in 1931, Earl entered Pui Ching Academy, at Canton, where he first took up baseball. Within five years, he was in the first string line-up of the baseball nine, moving between the windy-alley and the mound. He was with the team that played Lingnam University for the baseball championship of South China at the Kwangtung Provincial Meet in 1936-37.

Included in those line-ups were the famous larrupin' Tommy Kim, and Chet King, and for all his youthfulness, Earl managed to keep up to the high class calibre of the older members. Pui Ching were runners-up for the past two seasons, and have a good chance of annexing the pennant this coming season.

IN HOT CORNER

Earl will be seen in the hot corner for China in the International Softball Series. He has a good arm, and with experience should emerge into a first class baseball player. He has plenty of speed for his age, and needs a little more control when he is on the mound.



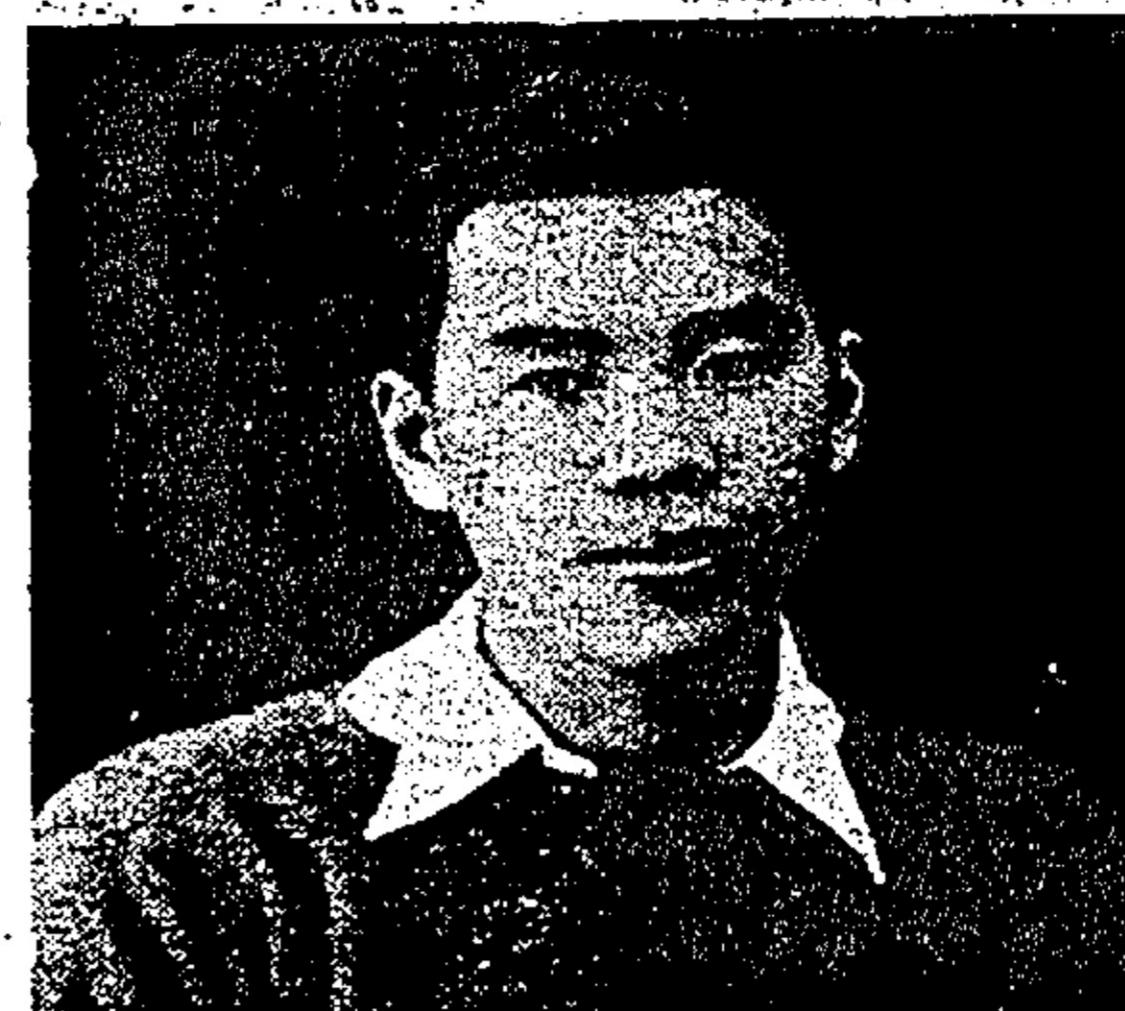
COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS CLOSING DATE

Tennis players are reminded once again that the entries for the Colony Singles and Doubles Championships, to be held on the H.K.C.C. courts, close at 6 p.m. next Saturday and that intending participants should send in their forms to Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, care of the Cricket Club Pavilion, Chater Road.



RUGBY VICTORY FOR GUY'S OVER ROYAL AIR FORCE

London, To-day. Guy's Hospital gained a meritorious Rugby win yesterday when they defeated the strong Royal Air Force fifteen by 11 points to 9. — Reuter.



Bill Woo, above, is first sacker for China in the International Softball Series. Bill is also a hefty clouter, with a high batting percentage.

MR. SOWPWITH TO RACE IN 12-METRE CLASS PURCHASE OF ALANNA

(By Major B. Heckstall-Smith)

London, January 7.

Owing to there being no "J" class for big yachts of Endeavour's size in the present year, Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith has bought the 12-metre Alanna to join in the racing in the 12-metre class in British waters next summer.

Alanna is nearly a new boat. She was built last year by Camper and Nicholson, and designed by Mr. Charles Nicholson. She took hardly any part in the racing under her former owner, Mr. Hartridge, and her speed is almost unknown, but it may be anticipated that she will be practically equal to the other vessels of the class, which are extraordinarily well matched.

With so many skilful yachtsmen competing in the class sport of the highest order may be expected. Mr. Sopwith's colours have flown in the 12-metre class on many occasions in past years, and he was at one time top of the class with the cutter Mouette. The return of his flag to the 12-metre fleet is most opportune. The yachts in the class next summer will be:

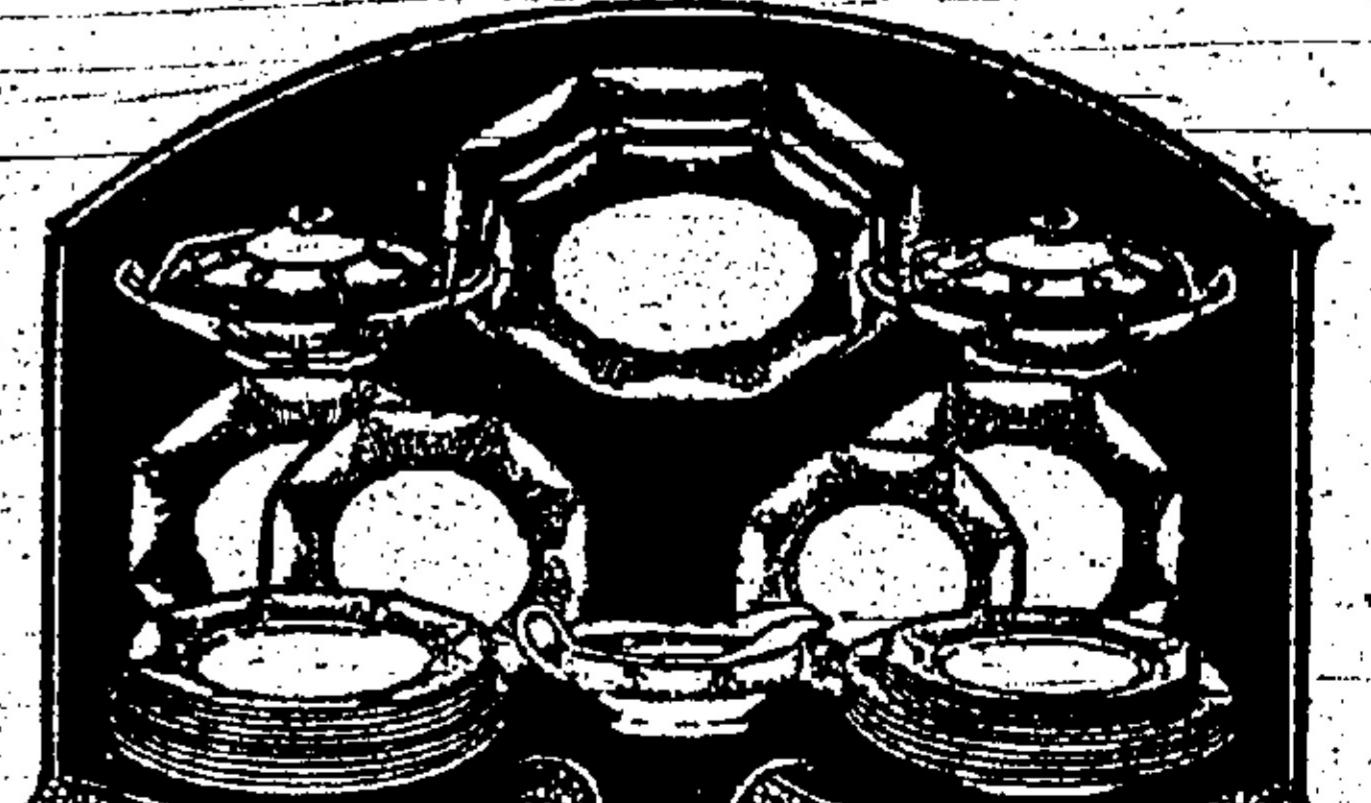
Marina (Sir William Burton), Evaine (W. C. R. Fairey), Vanity V. (Mr. J. R. Payne), Westra (Mr. Arthur Connell), Trivia (Mr. V. W. MacAndrew), Little Astra (Mr. Hugh F. Paul), Alanna (Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith).

WAINWRIGHT'S 500 YARDS RECORD BROKEN

Jack Hale, the 16-year-old Hull swimming, has broken the British 500 yards swimming record by covering the distance at Albert Avenue Baths, Hull, in 5 mins. 50 1-5 secs. This beats Norman Wainwright's time of 5 mins. 54 secs. made at Hoylake in 1934.

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U.S.G.A. MODIFY THE STYMBIE RULE

New York, January 10.
The United States Golf Association has decided to modify the stymie rule, so that henceforth the nearer ball on the green may be lifted if it lies within 6 inches of the hole; also when the balls lie within 6 inches of each other.

In announcing the change, which will be effective immediately and throughout 1938, the association stressed the fact that it was adopted purely as a trial.

The president of the U.S.G.A.

Players Threatened With Permanent Suspension

London, January 6.—Football Association Disciplinary Committee's minutes published yesterday reveal that J. M. Beattie, of Birmingham, was suspended for 21 days from Dec. 14, fined £20 and warned that if any further complaint against him were received and proved it might lead to his per-

manent suspension from football. Action followed Birmingham v. Wolverhampton League match at St. Andrew's on November 20.

A threat of permanent suspension has also been made in the case of W. Barracough, of Colchester United F.C. For misconduct in the Southern League match with Norwich City on November 25, he was cautioned and warned.

For improper conduct during the Wigan Athletic v. South Liverpool F.A. Cup match on November 27 and acting contrary to the instruction which forbids trainers to coach players along boundary lines, R. Owens, trainer of South Liverpool has been fined two guineas and cautioned as to his future conduct.

LANCS FAVOUR THE EIGHT-BALL OVER

London, January 4.

The General Committee of the Lancashire County Cricket Club favoured the experimental adoption of the eight-ball over in county matches yesterday, when further consideration was given to the recommendations of the M.C.C. Commission. Lancashire's opinions will be forwarded to the M.C.C.

It was decided at yesterday's meeting to invite Mr. W. H. L. Lister to captain the side again next season and to re-appoint Harry Makepeace as coach.



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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

	HOME						AWAY						Goals Pts. Tl.			
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	
Brentford (6) DwWdW	28	15	9	2	4	32	17	22	19	5	5	3	16	18	13	35
Wolves (5) wWwWw	26	12	8	6	4	26	8	20	13	6	5	2	15	20	14	34
Arsenal (3) WdWwW	27	13	10	1	2	22	17	22	14	4	6	4	18	23	12	34
Leeds (19) DIDwd	27	14	8	1	5	27	16	21	13	2	5	6	17	24	10	31
Preston (14) dWddW	27	14	7	1	6	25	12	29	13	3	5	5	20	19	11	31
Charlton (2) dWdwL	25	13	8	2	3	25	11	19	12	2	3	7	13	16	11	30
Bolton (20) WLWL	27	14	7	4	3	27	19	17	13	3	4	6	14	21	12	29
Sunderland (8) IWddd	27	13	8	2	3	15	13	19	14	2	7	5	14	16	9	28
Middlesb' (7) WdWwW	26	14	8	2	4	30	20	20	12	3	8	1	17	26	7	27
Manchester C. (1) LwwDw	25	13	9	2	2	28	15	20	12	2	7	3	23	26	7	27
Derby (4) lwlW1	27	14	6	4	4	30	26	16	13	6	4	13	31	10	26	
Chelsea (13) dDdLl	26	13	6	2	5	29	19	17	13	3	8	2	12	17	8	25
Stoke (10) dWlWw	27	13	7	1	5	30	8	19	14	2	10	2	12	21	6	25
Huddersfield (15) ILILL	27	12	7	4	1	17	16	15	15	3	9	3	16	28	9	24
W. Brom. (16) LdDdW	25	13	5	5	3	31	22	13	12	4	5	3	20	25	11	24
Everton (17) IWIWw	27	13	8	3	2	33	18	18	14	2	10	2	14	30	6	24
Birmingham (11) DdDIL	26	14	4	2	8	22	18	16	12	1	6	5	12	16	7	23
*Leicester (-) WLlId	27	13	6	5	2	21	14	14	14	3	8	3	15	33	9	23
Grimsby (12) dddI	27	13	4	4	5	13	19	13	14	1	6	7	15	24	9	22
Liverpool (18) DdDD	26	13	4	6	3	23	22	17	18	3	5	5	13	20	11	22
Portsmouth (9) wDdW1	27	14	5	7	5	23	19	13	12	2	7	4	14	30	8	21
*Blackpool (-) WLlWd	28	14	3	6	5	17	19	11	14	4	8	2	18	25	10	21

	HOME						AWAY						Goals Pts. Tl.			
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	
Sheffield U. (7) IWWwd	28	14	12	1	1	34	15	25	14	5	6	3	23	22	13	48
Aston Villa (9) WdWld	27	13	10	1	2	31	9	22	14	5	4	14	16	14	36	
Coventry (8) LWLll	27	14	8	2	4	20	10	20	13	4	4	5	20	22	13	33
Bradford (20) LWwWl	26	13	8	1	4	33	13	20	13	4	4	6	19	36	14	32
*M'ester U. (-) dWwdd	26	12	8	2	2	29	14	18	14	4	4	6	18	20	14	32
Chesterfield (15) ILdWW	27	13	8	3	2	30	16	18	14	4	4	6	15	25	9	30
Barnley (13) IWdWd	28	15	8	2	5	24	9	21	13	2	6	5	15	25	9	30
Tottenham (10) LWlWd	27	12	9	1	2	27	9	20	15	3	10	2	19	27	8	28
Norwich (17) lWlWd	27	13	9	1	3	26	22	21	14	1	9	4	19	39	6	27
West Ham (6) DIWW1	26	15	8	2	5	28	19	21	11	0	6	5	10	16	5	26
*Luton (-) IWlW	26	13	7	3	3	33	20	17	13	3	8	2	18	27	8	25
Bury (3) lwlwl	25	12	6	4	2	17	12	14	13	4	7	2	14	18	10	24
Notts. F. (18) WdIWw	27	14	8	3	3	21	14	19	13	1	9	3	11	23	5	24
Southampton (19) IIIWD	27	15	7	2	6	32	21	20	12	2	10	0	13	36	4	24
Newcastle (4) DIWwW	26	14	8	3	3	26	7	19	12	1	8	3	16	21	5	24
*Wednesday (-) DwdW1	26	13	6	4	3	17	14	15	13	2	7	4	15	24	8	23
Blackburn (12) IWlWI	26	13	7	1	5	30	21	19	13	1	10	2	16	36	4	23
Barnsley (14) WlWI	26	11	8	3	2	20	11	14	15	2	9	4	17	37	8	22
Fulham (11) LwWWD	26	13	4	3	6	26	18	14	13	3	8	2	19	22	8	22
Stockport (-) ILlID	26	12	5	3	4	15	12	14	14	2	9	3	15	32	7	21
Swansea (16) IDIW1	27	14	6	4	4	17	13	16	13	0	9	4	11	33	4	20
Plymouth (5) WWdDd	26	13	5	4	4	23	22	14	13	1	3	11	39	5	19	

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	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	
Queen's P.R. (9) WLdWw	27	13	8	2	3	21	9	19	14	6	4	4	26	15	16	35
Watford (4) DWWw1	27	13	8	2	3	34	11	19	14	5						

**Mozart Concerto:
Schnabel Brothers
At The Piano**

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano).
I Need You (H.A.P.-Botterell).
Gone (film 'Love On The Run').
I'm Delighted To See You Again (Hackforth).
1.40 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra and Jessie Matthews (Soprano).
'Lilac Time' Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutsam) Orchestra.
Let Me Give My Happiness To You (from 'The Good Companions').
Three Wishes (from 'The Good Companions') Jessie Matthews.
Love Tales (Selection of celebrated Love Songs—arr. H. Hall) Orchestra.
It's Love Again (from the film) Jessie Matthews.
The Gay Nineties—Waltz Medley—New Mayfair Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Mozart Concerto In E Flat Major. Played by Arthur Schnabel and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Two Pianos) and The London Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Adrian Boult.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Orchestra of the Hong Kong Hotel from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Children's Hour.

BRIDGE NOTES

A Difficult Hand

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I am sending you a difficult hand to play. It came up at one of our duplicates and I think it would qualify for the World Bridge Olympic."

NORTH

S.—J 10 9 5
H.—10 9 8 7 2
D.—K 8 5 3
C.—None

WEST EAST
S.—8 3 S.—4 2
H.—K J 6 5 4 H.—A Q 3
D.—A J 10 4 D.—2
C.—K 8 C.—A J 10 9 5 3 2

SOUTH

S.—A K Q 7 6
H.—None
D.—Q 9 7 6
C.—Q 7 6 4

The bidding [both sides vulnerable]:
East South West North
1 club 1 spade 2 hearts 2 spades
3 hearts 3 spades 4 hearts 4 spades
Pass Pass Double Redouble
Pass Pass Pass

"West opened with the club king. If played at a straight cross-ruff, the contract is defeated. If actually was played as follows: North ruffed the opening lead and led a heart, which South ruffed. A second club was ruffed, and a second heart. When the third club was led toward dummy, West discarded a low diamond. Dummy ruffed and returned a third heart for South to ruff. The cross-ruff was then abandoned by declarer's leading the ace and king of trumps, dropping all the outstanding trumps. Then South led a low diamond and West, who was down to the king-jack of hearts and the A-J-10 of diamonds, was helpless. He put up the best defence of forcing dummy's diamond king with the ten, but then dummy returned a heart and, after cashing the king and jack of hearts, West could make only the diamond ace. As I saw it, the point was to sever connections between the East and West hands by ruffing. West, for his double, was marked with strength in diamonds and therefore the throw-in play should work. Please advise if this hand contains a real point or is just a 'pseudo.'"

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's : : : ZEK 640 k.c's

7 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
We're All Bound to Go.
Johnny Come down to Hilo.
The Hog's Eye Man.
Raymond Newell & Chorus.
Fire Down Below.
Hullaabaloo Balay.
Haul Away, Joe.
What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor... John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
7.13 p.m.—Chopin.
Polonaise No. 2 in E Flat Minor. Arthur Rubinstein.
Mazurka in F Sharp Minor. Simon Barer.
7.26 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Exchange Quotations.
7.30 p.m.—Schubert—Waltzes played by the Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Luba Shaftain (Piano). Beethoven Sonata Op. 109.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Chinese programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
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8.05 p.m.—Variety.
Accordeon Band—Accordeon Nights, Medley... Geraldo & His Accordeon Band.

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Vocal—
I'm A Specialist.
Taught Me How To Play The Second Fiddle.... Frank Crumit (Tenor).

Dance Orchestra—Fox-Trot—
It's The Natural Thing To Do.
The Moon Got In My Eyes.
Roy Fox & His Orchestra,

Talking—
An Embankment Impression.
Bluebear—A Bed-Time Story.

Wish Wynne.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'—Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9 p.m.—London Relay—A Recital by Oscar Lampe (Violin).
Melody (Gluck, arr. Kreisler).
Polonaise brillante (Wieniawski).
Cortège (Boulanger).

Gigue (Handel, arr. Burmester).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, University of Oxford.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Cold Stream Guards.

The Soloist's Delight (Godfrey).

Marche Heroïque De Szabady (Massenet, arr. Dan Godfrey).

10 p.m.—London Relay—'The House In The Country'.

10.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close down.

**Beethoven Sonata
By Luba
Shaftain: Studio**

8.30 a.m.—Corelli, Sonata in F, Op. 5, No. 4.

8.55 a.m.—They're Off! A non-stop Variety of song, comedy, and rhyme.

9.25 a.m.—Organ Recital.

9.45 a.m.—World Affairs.

10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at

10.15 a.m.—Close Down.

10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

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GSG 17.79 Mc/s. (16.86 m.)

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Georgina Melodies.'

11.45 a.m.—The Count of Monte Cristo.

12.30 p.m.—The Gaumont State Orchestra.

12.30 p.m.—At the Black Dog.

1.00 p.m.—Violin Recital.

1.15 p.m.—World Affairs.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at

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1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. 'The House in the Country.'

2.45 p.m.—W. H. Berry as 'Mr. Micawber,' in some episodes from his life.

3.00 p.m.—The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines.

3.45 p.m.—Syncopated Music.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at

4.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.20 p.m.—Matters of Moment. A talk by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.

4.35 p.m.—Irish Concert.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Do we Understand English?'

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Frequencies—

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Frequencies—

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GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)

GSB 9.51 mc/s (81.55 m.)

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Frequencies—

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R. M. HENDERSON,
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Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1938.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Content in Sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N S E W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$	*
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 3809.	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 3808, Argyle Street.	As per sale plan.	45,000	618	29,250



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JAPAN ANNOYS GERMANS AND ITALIANS

Shanghai, To-day.
Despite the Anti-Communist alliance, individual actions by the Japanese continue to give offence to Germans and Italians here in many small local issues.

For example, two Chinese-owned houses in the French Concession, one of which is leased by an Italian, were recently sealed up by the Japanese, apparently without hindrance from the French.

It is also learned that Dr. M. Fischer, the German Consul-General, has protested to the Japanese authorities against the sealing of Mr. Sun Fo's home, which Dr. Fischer had leased through a British real estate firm.

Meanwhile, anticipating seizure of his residence in the French Concession, agents acting on behalf of Mr. T. V. Soong are moving out furniture and effects.—Reuter.

A further 20 cases of smallpox were reported to the local Health Authorities yesterday. Eighteen of these occurred in Victoria, one in Kowloon and one in Aberdeen.

SZECHUAN STILL SOURCE OF ANXIETY

Hankow, To-day.
Much anxiety is being caused in Chinese circles by the continued refusal of certain Szechuan leaders to accept General Chang Chun as Governor of Szechuan in succession to the late General Liu Hsiang.

Fears of possible mutiny unless the Central Government handles matters skilfully have not been completely allayed, and meanwhile discussions are progressing at Chengtu between the recalcitrants and representatives of General Chiang Kai-shek.

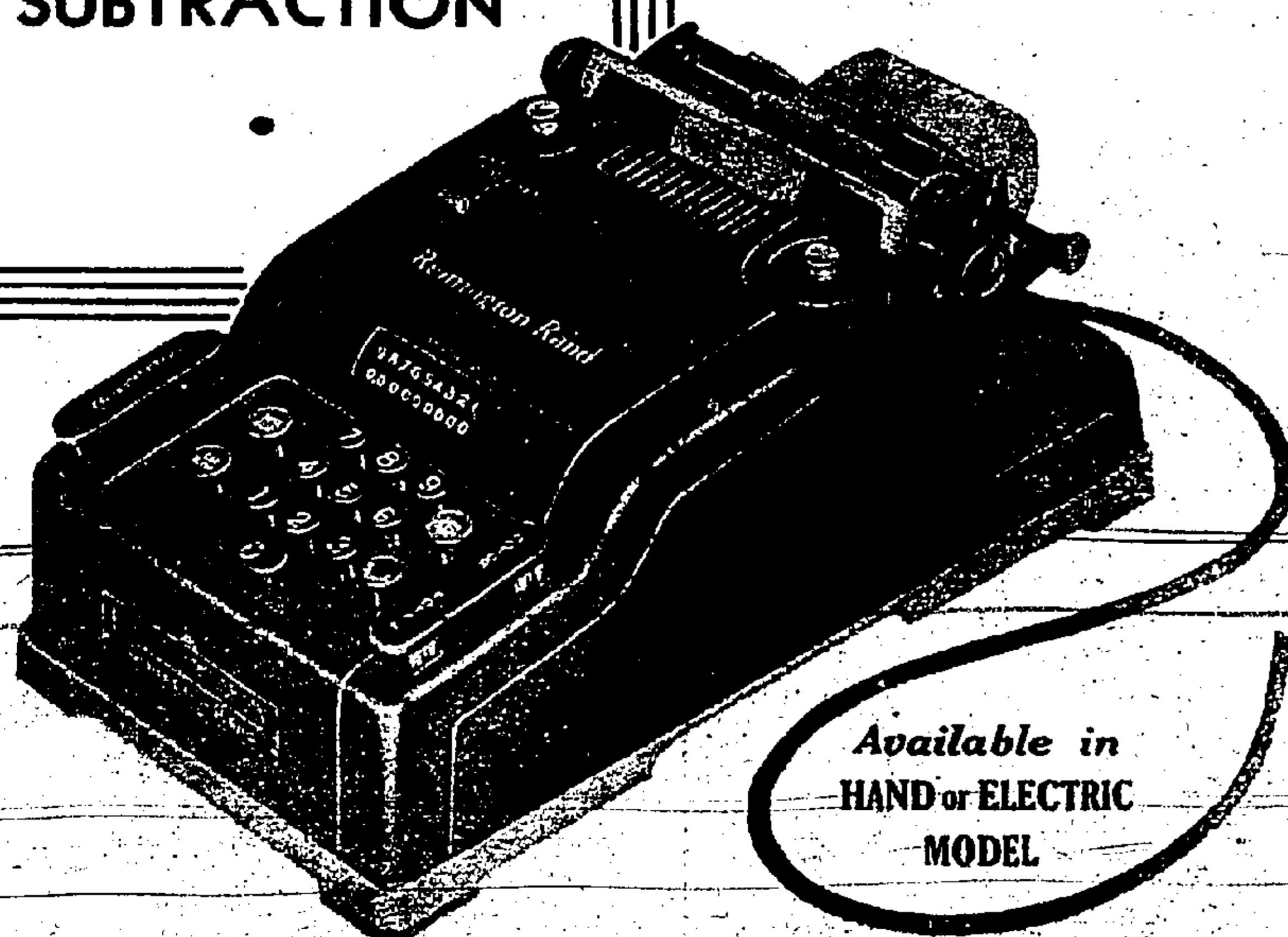
So far no solution has been reached, and General Chang Chun continues to remain in Hankow.

SZECHUAN FEELING

Attempting to win over the Szechuanese, the Generalissimo recommended that General Liu Hsiang be given a State burial, and it is hoped that this will somewhat appease the disgruntled leaders, who feel that appointment of an outsider as Governor of their province involves loss of face.—Reuter.

Ankara, To-day.
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Tokyo, To-day.

It is strongly rumoured in political quarters here that the resignation of Mr. Kaya, the Minister of Finance, may be followed by other signs of cracks in the Japanese Cabinet.

Financial quarters are reported to be increasingly disturbed by the situation created by the heavy demands of the war on the national resources, and one well-known financier openly declared this morning that Japan was headed for bankruptcy. — Our Own Correspondent.

Foochow, To-day.

Although Foochow itself escaped, several towns in Fukien province were subjected to aerial bombardment yesterday.

It is estimated that altogether more than fifty bombers visited the province.

They were apparently seeking out aerodromes and concentrated their attacks on landing-fields and fields potential landing areas.

Reports reaching here indicate that the effect of the raids was trivial and that casualties were few.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, To-day.

In a joint statement issued this morning by the Japanese naval and military authorities, warning was given of probable wholesale expropriation of Chinese property both inside and outside the International Settlement.

The announcement says that if and when the military authorities see fit, all Chinese organisations, banks, business concerns and properties, including land, will be taken over by the Japanese.

It is hinted that all Chinese industrial plants in and around Shanghai will be taken over and operated for the Japanese benefit almost immediately, though factories in the area south of the Soochow Creek are likely to remain inviolate for the time being.

The announcement has caused considerable anxiety in all circles in Shanghai.—Our Own Correspondent.

BAN ON JEWISH JOURNALISTS

Bucharest, To-day.
Next anti-Jewish measure of the Goga Government, forecast yesterday by the official organ, is a ban on the employment of Jews as journalists in Rumania.—Trans-Ocean.

HORTHY LEAVES

Warsaw, To-day.
Following a five-day visit to Poland, the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, left yesterday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Shanghai is due here at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The new Dean of the Cathedral, the Rev. J. L. Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson and their children, arrived this morning in the s.s. Gneisenau,

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